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PLO reneging on part of pact – IDF

Insists on freedom of movement for policemen, rigid withdrawal timetable

ALON PINKAS and DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE PLO is again demanding that Israel allow Palestinian police freedom of movement along the main arteries surrounding the three clusters of Jewish settlements in Gaza. This means PLO negotiators in Cairo have apparently reneged on an agreement reached by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres earlier this year, IDF sources confirmed last night.

There also seems to be a difference of approach on the timetable for withdrawal. The PLO is demanding a rigid, specific timetable, fearing that Israel may try to stall for time, while Israel has simply said redeployment would immediately follow any agreement reached.

The sources also confirmed there are differences over the entry of the Palestinian police force into Gaza. The Palestinians want a ceremonial march of about 300 armed policemen.

"We insist that they arrive in one group, unarmed, and only after their weapons are registered will they receive them," said an army source monitoring the negotiations.

However, chief PLO negotiator Nabil Sha'ath told reporters late last night that agreement had been reached regarding the Palestinian police. He said that the agreement now needed approval in Jerusalem and Tunis.

At yesterday's weekly cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly said it would take "almost a miracle" for an accord with the PLO to be reached by the end of next week, but insisted that once a deal was in place, Israel would be out of Gaza in the "within a few days."

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who is involved in the negotiations, predicted a deal would be struck by the end of the month.

Rabin also said the delay is due to a variety of factors, ranging from lack of agreement on the economic principles that will guide the Israeli-Palestinian relationship in the future to more technical issues. Economic talks are scheduled to be held in Paris starting tomorrow.

He also said he is willing to allow 11 wanted fugitives, who escaped from Gaza to Egypt, to return. Twenty-two deportees are to return to Gaza and Jericho today. (See story, Page 2)

Rabin admitted that his assent to the deployment of international observers in Hebron was a "deviation from Oslo," but insisted there was little choice. Speaking after security officials said Arafat's standing in the territories is being eroded. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel should do what is reasonable to help him.

In discussing the security situation in Hebron, Meretz ministers complained that settlers should have been removed from the city, but did not challenge Rabin to do so. Rabin repeated his insistence that no settlements would be moved "at this time."

Meanwhile, the IDF and the civil administration have all but completed final preparations for the evacuation of installations in Jericho and much of the Gaza Strip in anticipation of the arrival of the first group of Palestinian policemen.

The first Palestinian policemen arriving in Gaza will take over the city's police headquarters, and

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Shas hedges on rejoining coalition

SARAH HONIG

SHAS is once more exasperating the coalition by remaining indecisive about exactly when it plans to re-enter the government.

According to the timetable established by Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the party was to rejoin the coalition after Pessah. This led Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to expect that Shas would return to the government at the end of the week.

However, Shas informed him this would not happen, and that "at least one more week" would be needed. The fear in Rabin's office, as one senior Labor source put it, is "that this week could last longer than seven days."

The official reason for the delay is that Shas leader Aryeh Deri will be abroad for a few days. But within Shas, two other reasons are put forward, each of which could spell trouble for the coalition.

The more nettlesome involves a new kink discovered by Shas in the amendment to the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation, which the Knesset adopted just before its spring recess. The amendment was to prevent the import of non-kosher meat, and Shas made it an unequivocal precondition to its return to the coalition.

But Shas recently discovered that law committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz), at his own initiative, added a quote from Israel's Declaration of Independence: "Freedom of conscience and religion will be maintained."

This, it is claimed in Shas, infuriated Yosef to the point that he angrily lashed out at MK Yosef Azran, who was absent from the law committee session at which Zucker made the addition.

Yosef now demands that the offensive line be erased, if the government wants Shas back in the fold. Rabin, reportedly had been informed of the new snag and has messaged Yosef that he is also unhappy about Zucker's change and will pressure him to back down.

Yosef is said to have commented that the words added by Zucker "are far more sweeping and therefore worse than the entire proposed basic law: civil rights legislation," which he so hotly opposes.

The second problem is that Shas is still torn by rivalry over who will get what job. So deep is the

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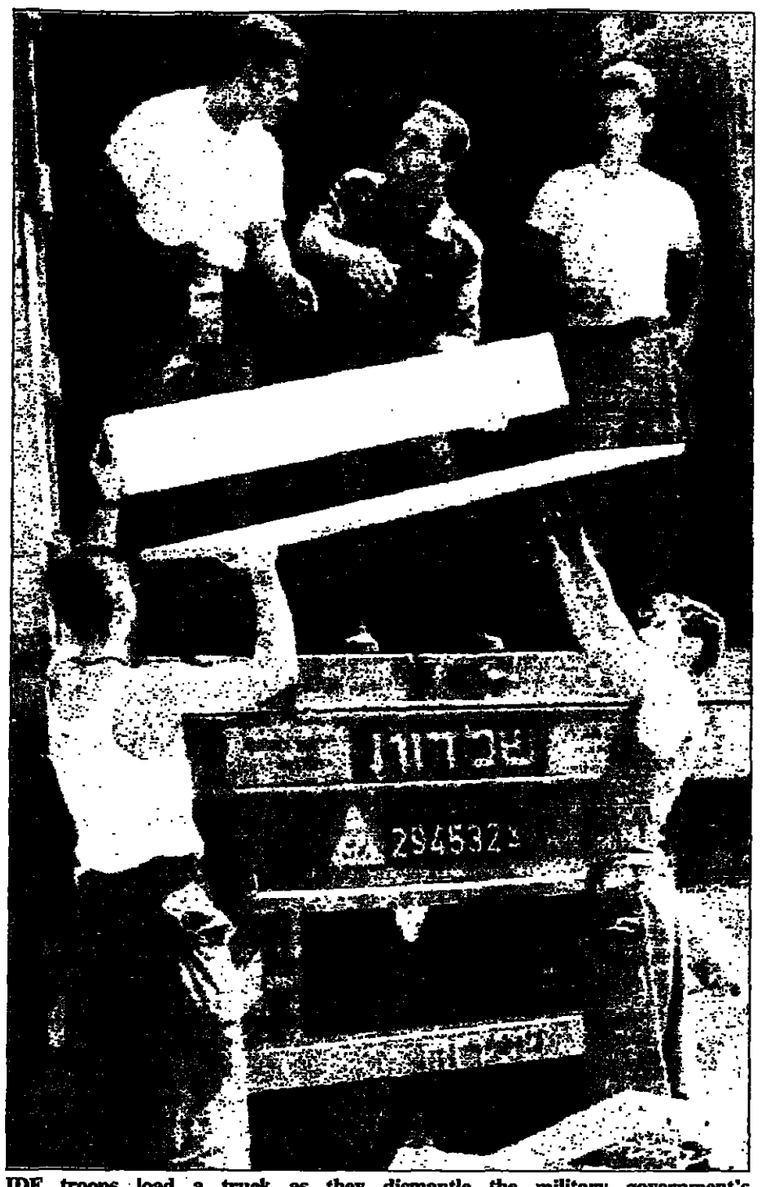

IDF troops load a truck as they dismantle the military government's headquarters in Deir el-Balah yesterday. Story Page 2 (AP)

Sarid: Close Channel 7 radio station

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ENVIRONMENT Minister Yossi Sarid yesterday called upon the cabinet to close Channel 7, the right-wing pirate radio station, as part of the existing directive to ban Kach propaganda and incitement to murder.

Sarid produced an English transcript of an interview broadcast on Channel 7 endorsing the wanton killing of Arabs. The interview was conducted only five hours before the Hebron massacre.

"If the cabinet does not close Channel 7, it will not be following its own decisions," Sarid said.

According to a transcript provided to reporters, interviewer Ben Israel ended his talk with a Kach supporter by wishing Purim greetings to settlers held in prison for murdering Palestinians, as well as "all those that did what a lot of us think of doing and don't have the guts to do."

Israel's remarks came at the close of an interview with "Daniel," who reported a Purim party among prisoners including Ami Popper, serving a life sentence for murdering seven Palestinians in May 1990.

Daniel referred to Popper as a *tzadik*.

Following the interview, Channel 7, which broadcasts unlicensed from a ship in the Mediterranean, announced Israel would be suspended. Israel declined to comment last night.

Oman postpones Israeli team visit

DAVID MAKOVSKY

OMAN has postponed the visit of an Israeli team scheduled to depart today in advance of this month's ground-breaking trip by an Israeli delegation to a Persian Gulf country, Foreign Ministry officials confirmed.

"We have been told that they want our team to arrive next Sunday instead of Tuesday. They said the reasons are technical," diplomats said last night.

However, there are reports that the Omanis fear the first-time convergence of Israeli journalists on their country, preferring a "low-key" atmosphere surrounding the multilateral peace session dealing with water on April 17. Officials in Jerusalem insist they have no confirmation of this.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin is supposed to lead the first-ever Israeli delegation to that country, which would mark the first time Israelis would be invited to any Persian Gulf nation.

'NII wasted NIS 1m. in rental deal'

SASHA SADAN

THE state comptroller has accused the National Insurance Institute of wasting more than a million shekels last year in a Tel Aviv rental deal, according to a Israel Radio report yesterday.

According to the radio report, the NII in February of last year published a tender for office space and subsequently rented 100 sq.m. in the Hassneh Building from German-Israeli businessman Yosef Buchman. The NII also invested in renovating the office.

Complaints from NII officials led to an investigation by the State Comptroller's Office, the radio reported.

Apparently the NII paid "tens of thousands of dollars" more in rent than the government appraiser had approved. The renovations

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Arafat says he'll come to Jericho next month

22 deportees due to arrive from Jordan today

LAMIA LAHOUD and news agencies

PLO leader Yasser Arafat plans to come to Jericho in May if Israel-PLO negotiations on Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho are concluded on schedule, senior PLO officials said in Tunis yesterday.

"Abu Ammar [Arafat] told us he is preparing to return to the homeland soon. He said it would be next month ... and [he] will go to Jericho," Samir Subeihat, president of the General Union of Palestinian Students, told Reuters.

He spoke before joining a group of Palestinian deportees allowed to return to the territories under a deal on implementing the self-rule accord between Israel and the PLO.

They were seen off at Tunis airport by tearful PLO officials overcome by emotion as their colleagues flew to Amman. They are expected to cross into Judea and Samaria today.

Subeihat said Arafat announced his plan to the group during a farewell meeting on Sunday night at his headquarters.

"This is a historic moment, it symbolizes our people's right to return," said Subeihat, 39. He was deported in 1988.

"This is an advance party for the entry of Abu Ammar to Jericho, to the implementation of the peace deal, and marks the start of the reconstruction of the homeland," Subeihat added.

A vanguard of 46 civil deportees and a first contingent of Palestinian police are expected to return home this week.

Today a group of 22 deportees is to arrive in Jericho and the Gaza Strip, said PLO official Saeb Nadif.

Tomorrow or Thursday, six senior police officers are to arrive to prepare for the coming of the first Palestinian police officers, said Adnan Hamad, who heads FIDA, the Palestinian Democratic Union (a splinter group of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which supports the peace process) in Jericho. Among the advance team is Palestinian Liberation Army Gen. Nasser Yousef, he said.

According to Hamad, 10-17 more police officers will arrive towards the end of the week. "By April 12, we are expecting 300 policemen in Jericho," he said.

"During the last two days, we saw the Israelis move their things out of the police station in the center of Jericho. This will be the first place our police force will take over."

Many of those returning are important political figures from Fatah, FIDA, and the People's Party. They are expected to play an important political role in Palestinian politics, said Hamad.

A second group of deportees is to return within the next 10 days, among them Mohammed Dahlan from Gaza and Jibril Rajoub from Hebron, said Nadif. Both have been living in Tunis, where they were in charge of the *shabiba* youth and armed Fatah activists in the territories.

They are charged with building up the security service in the territories, according to a senior Fatah leader from the territories who is one of seven local leaders working with Jibril and Dahlan to build the Palestinian internal security service.

According to a Palestinian source, the return of Dahlan, Jibril, and other senior PLO activists was the outcome of the latest negotiations in Cairo between the PLO and Israel, while the return of the first group of 22 arriving today was agreed upon some time ago.

Riad El Malki, a PFLP spokesman from the territories, accused the PLO of having brokered a deal with the Israelis, according to which Dahlan, Jibril, and other Palestinian security personnel can return before the agreement is signed, to suppress opposition to the agreement in the territories.

"They are planning to build an authority based on their secret services and force, like all other Arab regimes", he said.

According to Malki, the PLO's decision to close all the PLO offices in the territories a few days ago is connected to the deportees' return. "After the killing of the six armed Fatah activists in Gaza who were themselves members of the local PLO offices, Fatah activists in the Gaza Strip called upon the PLO to stop the negotiations," said Malki. "Arafat ordered the closure of the PLO offices to get rid of these Fatah activists. He is bringing the deportees who are loyal to him to take over."

Hamad confirms that the closure of the PLO offices is connected to the return of the deportees. He said the PLO is trying to build up Palestinian authority in the territories and that some of the returning deportees will play an important role.

"Some deportees are going to take important positions," he said.

Chief rabbis Eliahu Bakshi-Doron (l), and Yisrael Meir Lau with Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur at yesterday's meeting of the Chief Rabbinate Council. Gur assured the rabbis there was no intention of evacuating settlements at this time. (Kibbutz)

Rabbinate defers decision on soldiers' disobeying orders to evacuate Jews

LIAT COLLINS

THE Chief Rabbinate Council yesterday decided not to decide on the question of whether soldiers are justified in disobeying an order to evacuate a Jewish settlement.

The council meeting followed the halachic ruling reissued in Kiryat Arba last week in which three leading rabbis from the National Religious camp – former chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Avraham Shapira, Rabbi Shaul Yisraeli, and Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neria – instructed soldiers to refuse orders to evacuate Jewish settlers.

At the end of yesterday's marathon meeting, during which the nine rabbis heard a report from Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur, council president Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau called on the public "to leave the rabbinate above political and public arguments."

The rabbinate, he said, was satisfied by Gur's reassurances that the government does not intend to evacuate any Jewish settlements or residents from any part of Israel at the moment.

"There is therefore no need to cross the bridge yet," Lau said.

The council also called on the public "to make a huge effort to prevent a gap growing among the people and to ensure the unity of the people of Israel and the security of all the residents of the Land of Israel."

Gur said the subject of the removal of Jews from some sites within Hebron to a central spot where they could be guarded more easily had been raised last week but Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in his capacity as defense minister, had decided against it.

Gur called on the rabbis to avoid putting an added burden on soldiers already working under great pressure.

"It is not a question of the honor of this or that rabbi, but the fate of the country which lies in the balance," Lau said.

Despite the official line, some of the more hawkish council members, including Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar Yashuv Hacohen, repeated their belief that a soldier could refuse an order to evacuate a Jew.

But Rabbi Yehuda Amital, the founder of the Hesder Yeshiva soldier program and the Meimad movement, condemned the ruling by the three rabbis.

"Not a single centimeter of the Land of Israel will be saved by refusing orders. On the other hand, this is the way to destroy the army, which defends the land," Amital said. He said such a halachic ruling could have an adverse affect on military discipline, "and furthermore, teaches religious soldiers to dismiss halachic rulings."

Itim adds:

Rabbi Eliezer Schach ruled yesterday that it is permissible to move Jews out of certain areas in the biblical Land of Israel as long as these areas remain under Jewish control.

Schach said it is politically unwise to move settlers at this time, Itim quoted Schach aides as saying.

Shas spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef ruled there is no ban in Jewish law on moving Jews from one place to another.

Peres briefs envoys of Italy, Norway and Denmark on Hebron observers

THE Norwegian ambassador yesterday brushed off threats by Moslem extremists to kill any observers sent to Hebron.

"If we were to be afraid, then we would have to give up. We have people in Bosnia and people in other places. We have people in Lebanon, who have been killed," Ambassador Herman Pedersen told reporters.

Pedersen spoke after joining the ambassadors of Denmark and Italy, also due to send troops, in a meeting with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres for a briefing on the temporary deployment of 160 foreign observers.

Peres said their presence would help return normality to the town and engender a sense of security among its residents.

Norway will contribute 90 men and Denmark and Italy 35 each to the force, Peres said. The force will be composed of 60 observers and 100 support and administrative staff for the three-month assignment.

Peres said the ambassadors asked about security measures, and he told them their safety was Israel's responsibility.

A three-member exploratory team from Norway, Denmark, and Italy was to arrive late yesterday from Cairo. Led by Kjell Johansen, the former chief of UN police in the conflict in Yugoslavia, the group will prepare for the main group's arrival.

(AP)

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The Family

Moving day for IDF in Deir el-Balah marred by stonethrowing

THE IDF began moving out of Deir el-Balah in Gaza yesterday.

Soldiers took farewell photographs and loaded cabinets, chairs, desks, and a still cold refrigerator onto a semitrailer in the courtyard of the military government's headquarters.

Even though the moving was a visible sign of the army's intent to leave, Palestinian youths with slingshots arched stones that bounced off the walls and olive drab jeeps. Troops gave chase, firing plastic bullets and tear gas, wounding two Arabs.

"We don't want peace. There will be stones every day," shouted Palestinian youths, many aligned with Hamas.

Some soldiers blamed the outburst of violence on the arrival of photographers, but were puzzled about why the Palestinians were throwing stones while they were pulling up stakes. "They don't want us to leave?" asked one.

Confusion prevailed in the streets, as well. Soldiers kept loading the trailer during the melee. Women walked through IDF lines carrying bundles of wash, and a Moslem fundamentalist dressed in white bicycled unnoticed among the soldiers as they knelt to shoot at rioters 50 yards away. Arab cars tried to edge their way around army vehicles.

Maj. Udi, a military commander in Deir el-Balah, said his unit was being moved to guard settlers in Gush Katif. He said that even while the army formally was still in full control, his soldiers had orders not to patrol in the nearby refugee camps of Bureij, Nuseirat, and Mughazi unless absolutely necessary.

"We are not going in because we know the sensitivity of conducting patrols inside the camps," said Udi. "We are in a period of transition, and we are trying to avoid confrontation."

At a seaside army base in Gaza City, soldiers emptied mobile homes and moved them onto trucks. Equipment is either being trucked to Israel or to the Gush Katif bloc of Jewish settlements, where troops are to be posted once autonomy begins.

Saeb Erekat, a PLO negotiator in Jericho, explained the continued protests as an expression of Palestinian doubts.

"While they're leaving buildings in Jericho, the army is building new positions outside of town. People are cautious about the steps Israelis are taking and want to see whether they are just moving from one place to another," Erekat told The Associated Press.

Sufian Abu Zayde, the PLO spokesman in Gaza, said there was full cooperation between the army and the PLO on the redeployment.

Abu Zayde said the troop movements were good for Palestinian morale. "It is clear that in a few days, we will not see Israeli forces here ... That shows that the agreement is starting to be implemented on the ground," he said. (AP)

More sections of Agranat report to be released

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE cabinet voted unanimously yesterday to release excerpts of the classified sections of the Agranat Commission's report investigating failures regarding the Yom Kippur War.

The cabinet decision, put forward by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, comes to preempt a petition by the *Ma'ariv* daliy to the High Court of Justice that the classified section of the report be released, almost 20 years after the panel finished its work.

The commission's final report, issued on January 30, 1975, heavily criticized IDF intelligence-gathering both before and during the Yom Kippur War.

However, the cabinet decision gives the IDF Field Security Unit the last word on what should be divulged to the public.

The cabinet specifically agreed that the disclosures will not include the following: Revelations of sources and methods of IDF intelligence; operational details regarding the army's mobilization in a national emergency, and operational details about military units.

The Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee is expected to formally ratify the cabinet decision, and the material will be made public in three months.

Knesset to consider motions against return of deportees

SARAH HONIG

THE Knesset will break its recess next Monday and meet in special session to take up opposition motions against returning PLO deportees to the territories and allowing the deployment of international observers in Hebron.

The recall became mandated yesterday when the Likud Knesset faction collected the 30 MKs' signatures needed to call a special session.

The Likud maintains that the deportees are the terror chiefs of the PLO and to allow "dozens of such dangerous terrorists into the Judea/Samaria/Gaza tinderbox is the height of folly, and will have consequences which could be costly and bloody for the entire nation's security."

By allowing "these terrorist godfathers back into the areas from which they had been banished for good reason, the prime minister is pouring oil on the already rekindled flames of the intifada. [Yitzhak] Rabin is fanning the blaze of terror and violence which his own PLO peace partners are igniting anew," charges an official Likud statement.

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will begin the transfer of powers immediately. Army sources said that the Palestinians will be briefed by the IDF and civil administration officials on their authority and powers, as was agreed in Cairo, as well as on coordination with Israeli authorities, as was discussed in a meeting Sunday between Fatah officials and OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnay.

"Ultimately security remains our responsibility, which means it must be clear to them that they are not authorized to shoot at vehicles, unless it is certain an attack is in process," said a Southern Command source.

In Gaza City, authorities Sunday night began transferring some 600 prisoners from the Ansar II prison camp to the Ketziot detention center in the Negev. The transfer continued yesterday.

While some problems remain in Gaza, preparations for the transfer of power have been completed in Jericho. IDF troops and police yesterday removed equipment from bases designated for evacuation. Residents watched as trucks carried furniture and files from the heavily protected police station.

At the civil administration headquarters on the edge of town, soldiers made a bonfire of old furniture, signs, and garbage, while bulldozers continued to level ground for new offices and a new army border post near Vered Yericho.

In a related development, security officials announced that virtually all the terrorists who have murdered 17 Israelis inside the Green Line since January, 1993, are youths from Gaza. They also noted that in this period, 54 Israelis – soldiers and civilians – have been killed in the territories.

Yesterday, Rabin met in Jerusalem with Soviet envoy Viktor Posovalyuk about the peace talks and Rabin's upcoming trip to Moscow.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Armed Hebron Arab caught at Temple Mount

An Arab resident of Hebron was stopped by police today at the Majlis Gate to the Temple Mount and found to be carrying a penknife, knife, and pamphlet calling for revenge on the Jews.

During interrogation, the 22-year-old confessed he had come to Jerusalem to pray and intended to stab Jews afterwards.

Assad meets with Mubarak

In a previously unannounced visit, Syrian President Hafez Assad and two of his top ministers arrived in Cairo yesterday for talks with President Hosni Mubarak. Assad, together with Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Farouk Shara, had one session of talks with Mubarak, Prime Minister Atef Sedki, and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, official sources said. They were to have met again late last night. *Reuter*

SLA men wounded by bomb

Seven South Lebanese Army soldiers were wounded yesterday when a bomb exploded near their outpost in the security zone, SLA sources said. They said a mortar barrage accompanied the bombing at an outpost near Tolufa in the zone's central sector.

At least three of the wounded was in critical condition at a Tel Aviv hospital. It was unclear how badly the other militiamen were hurt, the sources said.

Hamas men responsible for several murders

Three of the five Hamas terrorists killed by the IDF late last month after barricading themselves in a Hebron house were responsible for several previous terrorist attacks, including the murders of Mordechai and Shalom Lapid in December, the IDF Spokesman said yesterday.

Marwan Abu Ruheila, Iyad Abu Hadid and Mohammed Atrash, all members of the Izzadin Kassem military wing of Hamas, were killed on March 23 after a day-long shoot-out with the army.

They and other cell members, were implicated in the November 7 murder of Ephraim Ayubi, the December 6 murders of Mordechai and Shalom Lapid, and the December 22 murders of Meir Mendelovitch and Eliahu Levin.

SHAS

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strife that some party sources say that the new wrinkle found in the meat bill is only an excuse to cover up Shas's internal woes.

Deri and Raphael Pinhasi are barred from executive office by order of the High Court. Deri is pushing for the unambitious Moshe Maiya to be named religious affairs minister, and wants no one to replace him in the Interior Ministry, which he continues to run by remote control.

This has infuriated Azran, who sees himself as the leading candidate for the portfolio. So does Shlomo Benizri, whom Deri considers a potent political threat.

Shas is also slated for two deputy ministerships, which would mean that all its MKs, except Deri and Pinhasi, would get an executive post.

NII

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were the kind that normally a landlord performs at his expense, and ended up costing three times as much as the sum approved for them.

The NII spokeswoman, Hannah Karen Ye'ar, admitted last night that officials from the State Comptroller's Office came to the NII, and that the rental issue was investigated.

She said that the price paid for the rental was reasonable in terms of Tel Aviv properties and that the NII had had difficulty in finding suitable premises, adding that it took the two years to find these offices.

A spokeswoman for the State Comptroller's Office said last night she could not confirm nor deny the radio report, but was still checking it.

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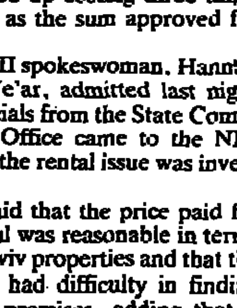

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Families abandon Dugit to protest lack of security, seek permanent site

LIAT COLLINS

WELVE of the 16 families from ugit, a village in the north of the aza Strip, are now living in a mporary campsite 100 meters ithin the Green Line. They are lling for help in moving to a ermanent settlement near the sea nd to protest the security tuation.

The first six families moved unday night and were joined esterday by most of their eighbors.

Dugit was established as a fishg village, not an ideological setement, four years ago, residents aid. When temporary homes ere established, the residents ere promised that the permanent ettlement would be built next to he sea, but a recent construction naster plan placed the permanent ettlement near their temporary omes, about a kilometer from shore.

"It's ridiculous to have a fishing village a kilometer from the beach on top of a mountain," resident Yoram Ravitzky complained to Army Radio yesterday.

The longstanding protest about the final site became tied to the security issue after terrorists shot at a resident's car as it was leaving the settlement Friday afternoon.

"It's too dangerous for us. We want to move within the Green Line and have our fishing village," Tova Goren told Israel Radio. "There has been an escalation of violence lately, and we can't take chances. Four years ago we had good relations with the local people and had no need for IDF escorts. Now the situation is intolerable."

Ravitzky said the security situation has become worse with the signing of the accord with the PLO. "The security issue is something we all agree on. It is daily becoming worse and last Friday's shooting marked the peak," he said.

Both Goren and Ravitzsky said the Jewish Agency and Gush Emunim's Amana settlement organization had made promises that have not been kept.

An Amana representative dismissed these claims on the radio and told reporters that if families requested to leave, a new group of settlers would be found to replace them. Residents said Amana officials later visited the temporary site and seemed more sympathetic.

"Right now, we're waiting for an alternative [site] or for someone to tell us what we can do to ensure our security," Ravitzky said.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in a separate interview with Army Radio, said the families who leave would not receive compensation. Paying them money now might establish a precedent which would lead to paying both the families who leave and the ones who stay, he said.

MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "to pick up the gauntlet and use Dugit as a model for the evacuation by choice of settlers from other settlements."

An army medic suffers no pain as he injects one of several hundred new recruits welcomed into the IDF yesterday.

(IDF Spokesman)

Health Ministry okays hepatitis-A vaccine

JUDY SIEGEL

A HEPATITIS-A vaccine, for the first time, has been approved for import and sale by the Health Ministry. It has been authorized only for adult use and costs NIS 300 for a series of three shots. The vaccine, to be sold in private pharmacies, was previously licensed in five European countries.

Hepatitis-A is spread by direct contact or by fecal-infected water or food. There are over 10 million reported cases worldwide each year. While annoying and temporarily debilitating, it is usually followed by a complete recovery; severe complications and death are rare. The disease is especially common in child day-care centers, kindergartens and the army.

The new vaccine, produced by Smithkline Beecham of Belgium, will probably be most popular among those going on trips to the Far East, where the incidence of hepatitis A is high.

Prof. Daniel Shouval, head of the liver unit at Hadassah-University Hospital, explained that there is "no justification" for the Health Ministry to subsidize the new vaccine, as hepatitis-A is in most cases only an annoyance that takes a toll in missed work days.

When this or other versions of the vaccine becomes much cheaper and approved for use on children, widespread vaccination is expected. Hepatitis-A vaccines, he said, will eventually replace gamma globulin, a blood-derived substance, that provides only temporary, passive immunity.

Europeans criticize delay on bill to limit workplace smoking

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Association of European Cancer Leagues has sent a letter to Israel expressing its disappointment with the refusal of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin – who is acting health minister – to sign into law an amendment that would bar smoking in the workplace.

Tom Hudson, president of the ECL, and Sinead Foran, its secretary, sent the letter to Miri Ziv, director-general of the Israel Cancer Association. The ECL, based in Dublin, is the roof organization of all the anti-cancer associations in Europe and influential in setting health policies regarding the disease.

The ECL officials wrote that they were "very concerned to learn" that the amendment, passed by the Knesset labor and social affairs committee two months ago, and would limit smoking on the job to designated "smoking rooms," remains unsigned.

"We note with interest that the amendment is supported at national government level and by 90 percent of the Israeli population. What more support does your prime minister need?" they asked.

Rabin aide Eitan Haber declined to comment on the ECL rebuke.

A month ago, Haber had said that a new health minister would soon be named to replace Haim Ramon, and that he could sign the amendment. But no replacement is yet in sight. Haber explained then that Rabin, a chain smoker who goes through two or three packs a day, would "feel hypocritical" signing the bill.

Jews' group suicide at Nazi work camp revealed by Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot archive material

YIGAL KOTZER

NINE Jews at the Nazis' Konin work camp near Lodz committed suicide after setting the barracks on fire rather than be sent to the death camps, testimony found at Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot's archives reveals.

The archivists recently began computerizing all the archive material, and came across matching references to the incident. The testimony had existed for years, but previously had not been noticed.

Three letters testifying to the fact that a group of workers at the camp decided to attack their German guards and then commit suicide were found. Avraham Seiff headed the group, and wrote to his family here about it a day before it happened.

Another letter written by two brothers in the camp about the incident was found, as was a diary entry by Rabbi Moshe Aharonson, the former chief rabbi of Petah Tikva, who described it and his efforts to prevent the mass suicide.

Archives director Eva Feldenkreis said the three pieces of evidence examined together show that the group was made up of carpenters, tailors, and shoemakers who understood that once the work at the camp was over, they would be taken to the death camps. They decided to set the barracks on fire, poison the guards, and then commit suicide.

"They apparently failed to carry out the whole plan, and therefore set the barracks on fire and hanged themselves," she said. There were 60 Jews in the camp, but only 15 of them were in on the plan, only nine of whom committed suicide. "Stories of individuals committing suicide in the camps are common, but acts of collective suicide were unusual. Their heroism was in their saying they would not give up without a fight."

Two of the remaining six Jews also tried to commit suicide but the guards succeeded in capturing them and preventing them from doing so.

Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot leaders also announced plans to honor poet Yitzhak Katznelson next year, who died at Auschwitz. Two books of his poems will be published which until now had not been translated from Yiddish into Hebrew.

Postal officials bemoan lack of director-general

JUDY SIEGEL

SENIOR Postal Authority officials yesterday told Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni there is an urgent need for a permanent director-general to replace Amos Bracha, who was fired by her predecessor, Moshe Shahal, over a year ago. Bracha's petition to the High Court of Justice has prevented Aloni from naming a permanent successor.

Aloni told Postal Authority chairman Shalom Sa'adon – an appointee of former communications minister Raphael Pinhasi – that she would not extend his tenure when it expires in June. She thanked Sa'adon for his "devoted service" and wished him success in the future.

Avraham Mansouri, who has been acting director-general since Bracha left, recently tendered his resignation, saying that Shas appointees on the authority council, especially Sa'adon, had prevented him from doing his job. Mansouri yesterday assented to Aloni's request to remain in his post until a replacement is found.

The lack of a permanent boss, officials said, has caused the delay of important decisions and risked the financial health of the authority. In addition, the staff is upset about the lack of a permanent director-general, they said. One official also claimed that "some key positions are not filled by professional people."

Aloni said she regrets her inability to legally name a replacement until the High Court rules on Bracha's case.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, queen of hearts, nine of diamonds and ace of clubs.

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One polling station will be operated in Israel on Tuesday 26, April 1994.

The Polling Station will be located at the Tel Aviv Showgrounds (Ganei Hatarucha) in Pavillion 32 (Hall 6) and will be open from 07:00 to 19:00.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

If you have any other queries or problems, please don't hesitate to contact the Embassy of South Africa: 03-5252566

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Six-year sentence for sexual abuse

A 42-year-old man, convicted of sexually abusing his niece over a six-year period, since she was 10, was sentenced to six years in prison and two year's suspended by Haifa District Court yesterday. *Yigal Kotzer*

Body of immigrant found in stairwell

The body of a 43-year-old immigrant from the CIS was found in the stairwell of a building on Tel Aviv's Rehov Kibbutz Galuyot yesterday morning. There were no signs of violence on the body, and police do not suspect foul play. The body was taken to the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute for a determination of the cause of death. Over the past two months, the bodies of several homeless new immigrants, many of them alcoholics, have been found in Tel Aviv. *Itim*

Man charged with murder and robbery

Avner Tawil, 49, of Tel Aviv, was charged yesterday in Tel Aviv District Court with the September 1990 murder of Haim Salman, manager of the Rav Hen Cinema on Dizengoff Square, and also charged with a local bank robbery.

Tawil allegedly jumped Salman as he was on his way to deposit proceeds in the bank and shot him to death in a struggle. Tawil is also accused of robbing a Discount Bank branch in February, and shooting and wounding a bank employee. *Itim*

Rabbi guilty of performing illegal marriage

Rabbi Efraim Madar, 37, head of the Magen Yisrael Yeshiva in Netivot, was convicted of performing an illegal marriage and ordered to sign an NIS 1,000 bond against committing a similar offense within two years by Beersheba Magistrates Court yesterday. Madar had married a yeshiva student to a woman who had not been certified as divorced by the Chief Rabbinate or the Religious Affairs Ministry. Madar said the documents the woman had presented had satisfied him. *Itim*

Man held for having inflammatory literature

A Baka al-Gharbiya man, 47, arrested for having inciteful literature in his Tel Aviv apartment –calling for the murder of Jews and inciting against the prime minister and the head of the General Security Service – was ordered sent for psychiatric testing by Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday. *Itim*

11 writers to tour France

Eleven leading Israeli authors will begin a two-week tour of France and Belgium today under the auspices of *Les Belles Etrangeres*, a program sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and Culture designed to acquaint French speakers with the literature of other nations.

Each of the authors will be accompanied by a French colleague on the program, which includes lectures, readings and encounters with French and Belgian authors. The delegation includes Yehuda Amihai, Orli Castel-Blum, Emil Habibi, Yoram Kaniuk, and Sami Michael. Opening ceremonies at the new Bastille Opera in Paris today include an address by Science and Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni. *Helen Kaye*

Work-study program cited

Eighty-five teenagers in a work-study program at the Dov Hoz School in Tel Aviv and their employers will be honored this afternoon. The youngsters, 15-18, are members of Noar Lomed Ve'oved who dropped out of regular educational frameworks.

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YAD VASHEM Heroes and Martyrs Memorial Authority

Heroes and Martyrs Memorial Day - Official Opening Ceremony

will take place on the eve of Memorial Day, Wednesday, April 6, at 8:30 p.m., at Yad Vashem, Har Hazikaron, Jerusalem.

In the presence of:	President Ezer Weizman Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin
With the participation of:	Avner Shalev, Yad Vashem Board Chairman Dr. Yosef Burg, Chairman, Yad Vashem Council Stefan Grelk, on behalf of members of the Underground, the Partisans and Fighters taken prisoner Ilan Jabotinsky, Chairman, International Yad Vashem Association
Musical renditions:	Netanelia, the Army Chief Education Officer's Chamber Orchestra, the Shmuel Gogol Harmonica Orchestra, and the Ankor Children's Choir (Rubin Academy)
Master of Ceremonies and Narrator:	Alex Anski
Azkara:	Aluf Gad Navon, IDF Chief Rabbi Sgan-Aluf Arye Braun, Senior IDF Cantor * Entrance to the ceremony, from 6:30 p.m., by invitation only. Yad Vashem may be visited until 3:00 p.m. only. Invitees will be able to visit until 11:00 p.m. A transportation service from Mt. Herzl to Yad Vashem will operate from 6:30 p.m., and back to Mt. Herzl after the ceremony. Private cars should be parked at Mt. Herzl.
In the Art Gallery	A new exhibition, "Double Signature," of paintings from the Terezin Ghetto
In the Valley of the Communities	Exhibition Commemorating Synagogues Destroyed on Kristallnacht
Night Conference	The Significance of Remembrance 10:15 p.m. - 1:30 a.m., the Auditorium, with Prof. Yehuda Bauer, Prof. Shlomo Barazanitz, Prof. Israel Gutman, Dr. Eliezer Don Yehie, and Prof. Eliezer Shweid Moderator: Carmit Guy.
	During the second half of the evening, screening of the documentary film, "Daddy, Come to the Luna Park" - a journey to Poland by actor Shmuel Vilozhny and his father
Transportation	for participants in the night conference, from 9:45 p.m., and return after the conference.

Please dress warmly

Heroes and Martyrs Memorial Day
Thursday, April 7

10:00 a.m.	Siren for two minutes' silence
10:02 a.m.	Laying of Wreaths at the foot of the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial, with the participation of the President, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Knesset, and some one hundred delegations
10:45 a.m. - 12 noon	Unto Every Person There Is a Name, public reading of the names of those who perished in the Holocaust,
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Continuous screening of films on the Holocaust, in the Auditorium
12 noon - 12:30 p.m.	Central Memorial Ceremony - in Ohel Yizkor, with Cantor Yehuda Landner and the Shoshan Children's Choir
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Special concert in the Valley of the Communities, by the Chamber Orchestra of the Army Chief Education Officer
5:30 p.m.	Youth Assembly - to mark "50 years of the Palestinian Parachutists," in the Warsaw Ghetto Plaza, with the participation of Netanelia, The Chamber Orchestra of the Army Chief Education Officer, Tze'ire Tel Aviv Group and Shlomo Gronich. In cooperation with the Youth Dept. of the Min. of Education and Culture and the Council of Youth Movements
7:00 p.m.	Special Concert under the auspices of Yad Vashem Jerusalem Theater, Sherover Hall Israel premiere of "Symphony of Lamentations" by the Polish composer Henrik Goretzky, played by the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. Conductor: Margeret Field. * Discount tickets available at Yad Vashem, Admin. Office, Tel. 02-751601

* Transportation from Mt. Herzl to Yad Vashem and Valley of the Communities provided from 8 a.m. to7 p.m.
A sound and light presentation in Hebrew and English will be screened every half hour in the Valley of the Communities.
Guided tours in Hebrew and English will take place at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
For additional information: Information and Commemoration Dept., Yad Vashem, Tel. 02-751614

Bookings by D-Day veterans to be honored

JOHN FOLLAIN
PARIS

FRANCE, anxious to defuse a row over hotel reservations for this June's D-Day ceremonies, said yesterday that no World War II veterans would be pushed out of Normandy hotels.

British and Canadian veterans had pledged to go in with "guns blazing" to enforce their rights. They said authorities had canceled their hotel reservations for the commemoration of the 1944 landings to make room for foreign dignitaries.

But France denied it had ordered 200 veterans' bookings to be canceled and promised no veteran would lose their hotel bed.

Calling an unusual briefing on Easter Monday, a holiday in France, Foreign Ministry spokesman Richard Duque told reporters: "We never planned to requisition the hotels. The bookings which have been made will be maintained."

All guests, including the 200 veterans booked in to the Hotel du Golf in Deauville, would be received "in the French tradition of hospitality."

The Lucien Barriere group, which owns the Golf hotel, said on Sunday the Foreign Ministry had told it to cancel the veterans' bookings to make room for "sovereigns, heads of state, and of government."

But a senior festivities organizer told Reuters on Sunday the veterans would be making way for US television crews.

Duque was repeatedly asked how the row could have erupted if nothing had been done to anger the veterans, who have lambasted French authorities for canceling their pre-paid bookings.

"There is no polemic and no problem... There was a certain degree of agitation but the news that got out did not correspond to the truth," he answered.

Canada's ambassador to Paris, who had urged a speedy resolution, said yesterday his government had been "surprised and even disappointed" that the bookings should be canceled.

Welcoming the ministry's announcement that bookings would be maintained, ambassador Benoit Bouchard cautioned: "We hope there will be no repetition of this kind of incident before June 6... The veterans are the heroes of this celebration."

Several thousand veterans and 15 heads of state and government are scheduled to attend the anniversary celebrations.

According to British and Canadian veterans' associations, the French government had proposed to put the veterans up in more than 60 private homes in Normandy.

British former paratrooper Angus Cross, 69, who booked rooms at the Golf hotel for more than 100 Canadian veterans, had complained at the weekend his reservations had been canceled.

Asked how the paratroopers had reacted, Cross said: "They're spitting blood. They're spitting feathers. It's a right dog's dinner but we have a legally binding contract and we're going in guns blazing."

Duque acknowledged the authorities "had at one time thought of transferring the veterans. The local town hall offered to house veterans in private homes but this is not necessary."

Instead, officials of the Interior, Foreign and Veteran Affairs ministries will meet today to seek another way of putting up foreign dignitaries and heads of state. "France will welcome and honor in the best conditions all those who fought for its freedom," Duque said.

The authoritative newspaper *Le Monde* said yesterday that the row highlighted the French people's view they had won the war "on their own 'with the help' of their allies."

"The historical truth is less heroic," the paper said in an editorial. "Across the Channel or the Atlantic, people in any case don't see things that way." (Reuter)

Five Vietnamese men massage each other's back in a Hanoi park yesterday after early morning exercises. (Reuter)

Study: Teens sexually active worldwide

DAVID BRISCOE
WASHINGTON

ADOLESCENTS around the world, no matter what their culture, are sexually active before age 20 – even if their parents are reluctant to admit it, a new study says.

And the age at which sexual activity begins is decreasing as overall health improves, according to the report released Sunday by Population Action International.

The non-profit family planning advocacy group said by the year 2000, a billion teenagers will be facing sexual challenges and desires.

While some 700 million teenagers worldwide are struggling with increasingly complex questions about sex, the report said most are not getting the help they need to find answers.

"The school systems in most countries ... have largely failed to meet the sexual health education needs of youth and children," said the Population Action report. "Youth at Risk."

The report said the sexual behavior of adolescents is being affected by recent developments, including the spread of AIDS, changes in laws on abortion, and a worldwide trend to delay marriage.

In Bangladesh, the average age of marriage for women has risen from 14 to 18 since the early 1960s, and similar changes have occurred in other cultures, the report said. One obvious impact is to increase the years during which teenagers are likely to engage in sex outside of marriage.

It cited surveys in Kenya and Uganda that youths who were sexually active had experienced their first intercourse, on average, by age 15. In the United States, one fourth of 15-year-old girls and one-third of 15-year-old boys are estimated to have had intercourse, the report said.

In nine Latin American and Caribbean countries, it said, roughly one-half to two-thirds of women reported having intercourse before age 20.

Around the world, adults are reluctant to admit that their children are having sex, but studies in several countries show that most adolescents, no matter what their culture, are sexually active before age 20, the report said.

Adolescents are less likely to use contraceptives than adults, particularly in developing countries, and many young people have little knowledge of reproductive physiology, the report found.

Approaches to sex are often affected by culture, but social forces are changing attitudes, the report said, citing the impact of urbanization, changing family structures and mass media.

"Government support for adolescent programs has been constrained by societal discomfort in acknowledging adolescent sexual activity and by the misconception that access to sexuality education or contraception promotes sexual activity among youth," the report said.

It cited World Health Organization studies in several countries to show that children with a good sex education are more likely to delay their first intercourse.

The best approach, the report concluded, is to encourage a delay in sexual activity while providing birth control counseling and contraceptives.

But the report said most family planning programs do little to reach adolescents; laws and practices often restrict youngsters' access to contraception and abortion services.

Even marriage does not resolve all the problems of teenage sex.

In South Asia, for example, where marriages occur early, complications in pregnancy and childbirth are greater for adolescent mothers. Unsafe abortions are also a major cause of adolescent mothers' deaths, the report said.

Early childbearing, with or without marriage, often limits educational and employment opportunities for young women and contributes to rapid population growth.

WHO estimates that one in 20 teenagers worldwide acquires a sexually transmitted disease each year. In the United States, the risk is one in eight.

And the impact of sexual diseases on young women is usually greater because detection is more difficult and the results more serious, the Population Action report said.

On the positive side, the report described successful programs for dealing with adolescent sex in Grenada, Colombia, Mexico, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

It said the most effective programs involve youth in their planning and implementation and then obtain the support of community leaders and parents. (AP)

One dies in Amman hotel fire

JAMAL HALABY
AMMAN

FIRE broke out yesterday in Amman's exclusive Forte Grand Hotel, killing an Italian tourist and injuring 15 other people, security officials said.

A hotel employee said a British guest also was killed when he jumped out of a second-floor window to escape the expanding fire. The employee refused to be named.

However, the British Embassy, security officials, and the hotel's general manager later denied any Briton had died.

British Embassy spokesman James Raaoyo said three Britons were among the injured and were not in critical condition.

Several hours later, police allowed some reporters into the hotel as they continued the cause of the fire that spread through the ground-floor at 6:30 a.m. and was extinguished 90 minutes later.

The lobby's walls, once decorated with attractive paintings, were covered in soot. Pieces of broken chandeliers were scattered on the water-drenched carpets and the European furniture had been reduced to chunks of burned wood.

Charles Barker, the hotel's general manager, said a "preliminary" investigation indicated the blaze was caused by a burning cigarette, carelessly tossed on the carpeting in the lobby of the five-star hotel.

Security officials concurred, but would not totally rule out arson, which has been on the rise in the kingdom as Moslem fundamentalists sought to introduce stricter adherence to Islamic laws.

Asked about rumors of a bomb explosion at the hotel, Barker, a Briton from London, said: "I was in the hotel, and I did not hear any explosion. None of the staff heard an explosion."

Barker said more than 400 people were in the hotel at the time. They included some 240 guests, mostly tourists on Easter excursions from Italy, Spain, Britain, Russia, and the United States. The others were employees.

He said 15 people were hospitalized for burns or smoke inhalation, but could not give their names or a breakdown of their nationalities.

The official news agency Petra said that in addition to the Britons, two Italians, three Iraqis and one Jordanian were kept at hospital after six had been treated and discharged.

An Italian Embassy spokesman identified the dead tourist as Michel Ottorino, 43, of Vicenza, northern Italy.

The spokesman, Diego Brasiolli, said Ottorino appeared to have suffered a heart attack as he and his wife ran through the smoke-filled lobby toward an exit.

The eight-story Forte Grand is situated in Amman's plush Shmeisani district. It is one of the largest in Jordan and includes an underground shopping mall.

It was not clear if the shops and boutiques were damaged by the fire just above them.

A fire, blamed on an electrical short circuit, killed one person and injured about a dozen others in another five-star hotel, the Jordan Intercontinental, in March 1993.

A December fire at Amman's largest supermarket, Safeway, injured more than 300 people. (AP)

3 dead, 17 injured in KLM crash

AMSTERDAM (AP) – A KLM airliner carrying 24 people crash-landed at Schiphol Aiport shortly after takeoff yesterday. At least three people were killed and 17 injured, according to Dutch Television.

Flight KL433 had just taken off for Cardiff, Wales, when it experienced engine problems and turned back. The twin-engine Saab turboprop overshot the runway and crashed in a muddy field.

There were 21 passengers and three crew members aboard, the airline said.

Airport spokeswoman M. van der Goot said the cause of the engine problem was not known.

A rescue worker told Dutch radio that after the crash three people walked out of the plane with only minor injuries, but those remaining on board had to await rescue workers.

Rescuers were hindered by lack of a road close to the crash site at Schiphol, which is surrounded by farms.

A farmer living nearby witnessed the crash and used his tractor to transport wounded from the crash site.

"The problem was that no wounded could be taken away. I came over with my tractor to take away the wounded. I took them to the road two or three at a time," the unidentified farmer told Dutch radio.

It was the worst accident involving Schiphol Airport since October 4, 1992, when an El Al Boeing 747 cargo plane lost two engines after taking off.

The jumbo jet crashed into a nearby apartment building while attempting to return for an emergency landing. Forth-three people died, most of them on the ground.

Broadcaster Betty Furness dies

CURT SIMMONS
NEW YORK

SHE will be remembered as one of the grand dames of broadcasting.

Betty Furness, the broadcast journalist, consumer activist, commercial pitchwoman and actress, died here Saturday at Memorial Sloan Kettering Medical Center after a long battle with cancer. She was 78.

Known for her elegant manner, she was also willing to roll up her sleeves and go after the bad guys.

"We were lucky to have her around to bask in her glory," said Steve Freidman, who was her longtime producer at NBC's *Today* show.

She began her career as a Hollywood actress in the 1930s, where she appeared in mostly B-movies, but was also in films with Fred Astaire and other top Hollywood stars. By the 1950s she was hawking refrigerators for Westinghouse on television. It was the dawn of the television age, and her commercial appearances made her a national figure and after a short time she was earning $100,000 a year for her appearances.

Eventually, Furness moved away from commercials, and began doing a series of critically acclaimed public affairs television programs.

Her public affairs work led to political contacts, and after working on the presidential campaign of Lyndon Johnson, she became a professional recruiter for Head Start and VISTA, and a special assistant for consumer affairs to President Johnson.

Furness followed her presidential administration stints with a job with New York State as director of the state's Consumer Protection Board and as a commissioner of the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs.

In 1974 Furness joined NBC's New York affiliate, where she answered consumer complaints.

By 1977, she began appearing on *Today*, where she remained a contributor until 1992.

Furness battled the cancer for three years, said Friedman. "The way she fought the illness represented her spirit," he said.

Furness was married three times and had a daughter, Barbara, with her first husband, band leader Johnny Green. (*Newsday*)

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JOSEPHUS FLAVIUS – TRAITOR OR PATRIOT?
We take a historical trail with The Jewish Wars in our hands, and with the help of archaeological finds check out the man who led the revolution in the North and then fled to the other side. What really happened in Yodfat? How do the new Zippori findings shed light on Josephus? Lunch.
Tour guide – Yaakov Shechter NIS 145

Thursday April 28
THE GREEN LINE or THE SEVEN STAR PLAN
The plan, mapped out in 1991, to expand the Green Line with 7 new settlements. The history behind the idea, the politics, the geography explained by one of the planners. Visit Modi'in, the city of the future, the Haredi settlement of Kiryat Sefer, Zur Yigal (an extension of Kochav Yair), the Arab triangle of Taibe, Yama, Bakr El Garbiya, a mitzpe above Umm Al Fachem. Lunch.
Tour guide – Geographer Edna Zamonsky NIS 145

Wednesday May 4
THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING
Some say, "It's music frozen in time." The architecture of public buildings should be a reflection of the society in which it is born. Is it so? We'll also visit The Mormon University, HU Mt. Scopus campus, and the new Jerusalem Town Hall complex. Lunch.
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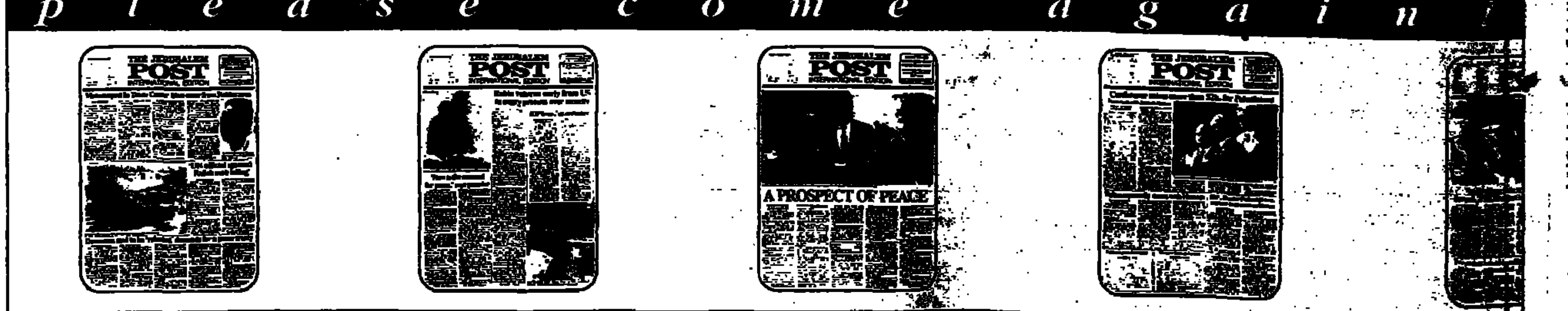

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4 alleged Moslem extremists killed in Egypt

CAIRO (AP) – Police killed three suspected Moslem extremists in clashes yesterday in Cairo and southern Egypt and a fourth died in an exchange of fire with armed civilians, police said.

In both cases, police said the Moslem militants fired first, but no casualties were reported among civilians or police officers.

According to police, three extremists fired on villagers who spotted the radicals hiding in a field at el-Ababda near Manfalout, 300 kilometers south of Cairo.

The villagers fired back and injured one of the radicals, who later died.

Police then arrived and gave chase, killing the other two extremists in an exchange of fire, said police officials who insisted on anonymity. The incident happened in the heart of the militants' southern stronghold.

In Cairo, one suspected extremist was shot dead and another arrested, police said. They said the two extremists started shooting because they suspected police were following them, and police returned fire.

More than 350 people have been killed and 735 injured in the radicals' two-year campaign of violence aimed at toppling Egypt's secular government and installing strict Islamic rule.

Many of the dead were police and militants, but the extremists also have targeted officials, Christian Copts and foreign tourists.

A soldier patrols outside a house in the Natal province town of Port Shepstone where nine people were killed on Saturday. (Reuter)

Hopes for S. African peace boosted

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) – Faint hopes for peace in South Africa were bolstered yesterday by news of the imminent arrival of international statesmen on a mediation mission.

But despite this and the declaration of a state of emergency in Natal province and the KwaZulu black homeland, the death toll carried on rising with at least 61 people shot, hacked, or burned to death in the region's killing fields since Thursday's emergency proclamation.

South Africans are pinning hopes for peace on the international mediation and a planned peace meeting bringing together top political leaders to ensure the country's first all-race elections take place unhindered on April 26-28.

A senior African National Congress official said former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger and Britain's ex-foreign secretary Lord Carrington are due to arrive later this week. Carrington helped negotiate Rhodesia's transition to independent Zimbabwe.

The official, who did not wish to identified, said talks between the ANC and the Zulu-dominated Inkatha Freedom Party, which is boycotting the elections, would take place over the next few days to prepare the ground for the mediators' arrival.

"My understanding is that Kissinger and Carrington ... will arrive this week," said the ANC official, adding that the mediators' recommendations would not be binding.

"They will be here to mediate, not to arbitrate," he said.

Speaking in the United States, Kissinger said he was honored to be asked to mediate.

President F.W. de Klerk last Thursday declared a state of emergency in Natal province and Inkatha's heartland KwaZulu, where 300 people were killed in political unrest between Inkatha and ANC supporters during March.

Nine of the 61 people killed in the region since the emergency declaration were massacred near the Natal south coast town of Port Shepstone on Saturday.

The ANC, which is demanding an independent investigation into the massacre of women and children, and survivors said the attack was carried out by Inkatha supporters.

Serbs renew attacks on Gorazde

SARAJEVO (AP) – Bosnian Serbs made new attacks on the besieged Moslem enclave of Gorazde yesterday, a day after a top US official said American forces would not intervene to save the eastern town.

An amateur radio operator in Gorazde said some of the front lines in the area about 48 kilometers southeast of Sarajevo were "literally in flames."

About 65,000 people, mostly Moslems, have been under siege in Gorazde for more than a year even though it was declared a UN "safe zone" last May.

A UN spokesman, Maj. Rob Annink, said Serb troops launched a coordinated infantry, artillery and tank offensive against Gorazde, which the radio of Bosnia's Moslem-led government described as a heavy attack.

Annink said Serbs also had moved three tanks, three mortars and three trucks from the Serb-stronghold of Pale, east of Sarajevo, toward Gorazde.

But he admitted that with only four military observers in Gorazde it was not possible to get a complete picture of the fighting.

"The pocket is too big for them to cross the whole of the pocket, and too dangerous," he said. "So we got a limited view."

His comments suggested UN officials thought the situation in Gorazde was more serious than they had previously acknowledged.

On Sunday, US Defense Secretary William Perry was asked if the United States would be willing to stand by and let Gorazde fall to the Serbs.

"We will not enter the war to stop that from happening," Perry said in a television interview.

Perry also reiterated that the United States would not send in ground troops until a peace accord was signed by all three of Bosnia's warring factions – Serbs, Croats and Moslems.

Croats and Moslems agreed last month to form a federation, but Serbs, who control 70 percent of Bosnia, have refused to be a part of it.

The two-year war in Bosnia has left more than 200,000 people dead and missing and displaced more than half of the former Yugoslav republic's prewar population of 4.3 million.

In Croatia, the army and rebel Serb forces began pulling back heavy weapons Monday under a cease-fire agreement aimed at formally ending their 1991 war.

The agreement, reached last week under Russian-US-backed talks, is also considered a step toward ending the war in Bosnia by isolating Serbs there and pressuring them to accept a peace settlement.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Turks kill 18 Kurdish rebels

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (AP) – Turkish soldiers killed 18 Kurdish guerrillas in two separate clashes in southeastern Turkey yesterday, the regional governor's office said. The troops killed 12 insurgents in Bingol province, and six others near the town of Silvan, it said.

Guerrillas from the Kurdistan Workers Party have been fighting for autonomy in southeastern Turkey since 1984. The violence has claimed more than 12,000 lives.

Bomb kills civil guard in Spain

BILBAO, Spain (Reuter) – A police officer was killed when a bomb exploded under his car as he parked close to his home in the Basque city of Bilbao in northern Spain yesterday, local officials said.

The dead man was named as Fernando Jimenez, 29, a member of the Civil Guard. He was married with a six-year-old daughter and had only been with the Civil Guard for a year.

19 Russians die drinking poison

MOSCOW (Reuter) – At least 19 Russians were killed at the weekend when their passion for drink led them to mistake poisonous methanol for pure alcohol, a civil defense spokesman said yesterday. Another 45 were still in hospital, five of them in serious condition.

The emergency situations ministry said the victims had looted a tanker of methanol at Syzran railway station in central Russia. They said the liquid "smelled exactly like pure alcohol."

Robbers steal a billion rubles

MOSCOW (AP) – Masked and armed bandits have escaped with more than 1 billion rubles ($564,000) in cash after robbing a Moscow bank.

The four bandits broke into the offices of Toribank on Saturday night, and smashed open a door leading to a room where the money was stored, city police spokesman Vladimir Vershkov said yesterday. A guard who the robbers apparently threatened later called the police, Vershkov said. The ITAR-Tass news agency said police detained three suspects and were looking for accomplices.

Agostinho da Silva dead at 88

LISBON (AP) – Agostinho da Silva, philosopher and rebel during Portugal's half-century of dictatorship, died Sunday in a Lisbon hospital of complications resulting from a stroke. He was 88.

Da Silva, Portugal's most eminent professor of philosophy, was hospitalized nearly six months ago following a stroke.

He also was an accomplished poet, novelist and critic of the arts, sciences, society and politics. He spoke out for students' rights and frequently used the motto: "Man was born to create, not to work."

Clintons host Easter egg roll

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – Thousands of children tramped across the White House lawn yesterday to roll hard-boiled eggs and catch a glimpse of President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary.

The kids also got a chance to see the Easter bunny and hunt for colorful wooden eggs signed by the president and first lady hidden in straw. A few were signed by the first family's cat, Socks.

Preparations for the day's event began well before Clinton blew the whistle to start an Easter egg roll.

"I woke up before dawn this morning, and when I got up just at dawn, I already saw the Easter bunnies out here walking around, plotting their strategies for the day and getting ready," he told the crowd.

The Clintons were carrying on a tradition begun more than 180 years ago by President James Madison and his wife, Dolly.

The egg roll was held at the Capitol in those days. President Hayes and his wife, Lucy, moved the event to the White House in 1878 and it has been held there on the south lawn ever since, except during the two world wars.

Zhirinovsky denounces Jewish family name report

MOSCOW (AP) – A spokesman for Vladimir Zhirinovsky claimed yesterday that special forces in Kazakhstan forged documents showing the nationalist leader had a Jewish last name at birth.

Spokesman Grigory Serebrennikov, in comments to the ITAR-Tass news agency, denied the report a day earlier that Zhirinovsky's original surname was Eidelshtein and that he changed it when he was 18.

In brief comments in Finland yesterday, Zhirinovsky himself also denounced the report.

"I know all that. It's crazy; it's not true," Zhirinovsky said through an interpreter as he arrived in Helsinki for a two-day visit. "It's got nothing to do with reality. I know my own family roots."

Zhirinovsky never mentions his original surname in his 1993 autobiography and vehemently has denied either he or his parents were Jewish. Because of his attacks on Jews, his origins have political significance in Russia.

The public records were found by a reporter working for The Associated Press and Cable News Network in four archives in Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan, where Zhirinovsky was born and raised.

The records do not say specifically who his father was, but Zhirinovsky's surname was listed on his birth registration as Eidelshtein. Documents show he applied for and received permission to change his name from Eidelshtein to Zhirinovsky in June 1964 before leaving for Moscow to study.

ITAR-Tass did a lengthy report on the story. Russian newspapers are not published on Mondays, and the story apparently was not mentioned on newscasts of any of the nation's three major television channels.

ITAR-Tass quoted Serebrennikov as saying the documents were concocted by Kazakhstan, which gained independence when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

The public records were "fabricated by the special services of Kazakhstan, probably on personal instructions from [president] Nursultan Nazarbayev," the agency quoted Serebrennikov as saying.

Cambodian police sent to release US hostage

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) – A police unit has been sent to obtain the release of an American relief worker being held captive in southern Cambodia by Khmer Rouge guerrillas, a government official said yesterday.

Melissa Himes, 24, of Winston-Salem, N.C., and three Cambodian colleagues have been detained since last Thursday in a village in Kampot province where she went to try to settle a dispute over the drilling of water wells.

Khan Savoeun, a secretary of state in the Interior Ministry, did not say what the police unit, led by a senior ministry official, planned to do to gain her release.

The Geneva-based Christian relief agency Food for the Hungry International said yesterday that in response to the guerrillas' ransom demands, the group has offered to provide a water-drilling rig and training in a Khmer Rouge area.

"We are OK. As far as I understand, they want three wells. They are being kind to us in providing food and water. Tell my parents not to worry," said a note from Himes, quoted by Robin Shell, a spokesman for the relief group.

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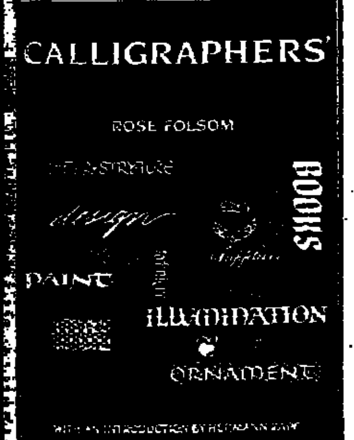

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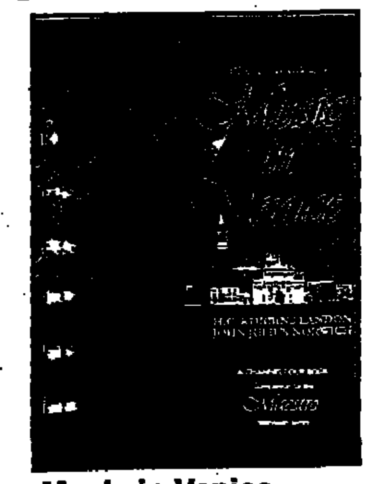

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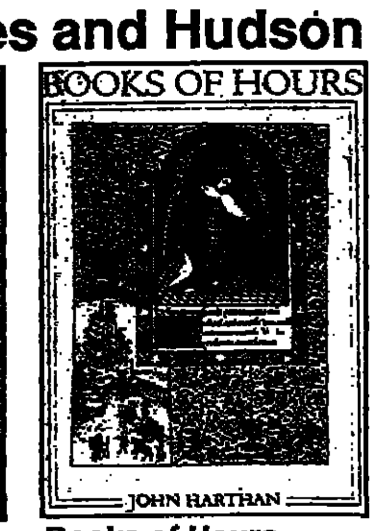

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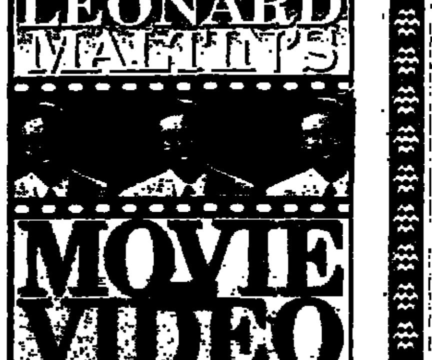

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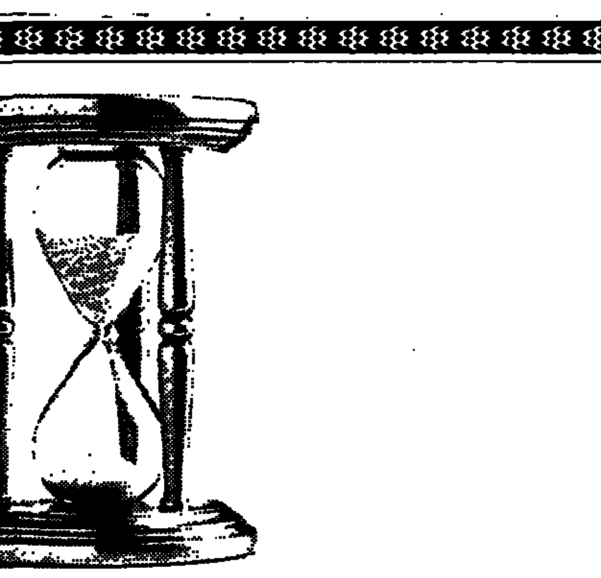

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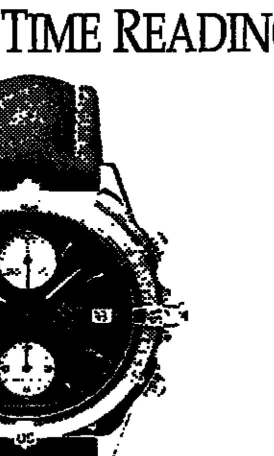

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For a broader consensus

DEPUTY Defense Minister Mordechai Gur performed an important service yesterday by persuading the Rabbinical Council to declare that the army must be kept out of political and religious disputes. According to Gur, last week's halachic ruling by three leading rabbis – which decreed that soldiers must disobey orders to forcibly evacuate settlers from their homes – was not brought up in his discussion with the council. But the ruling and its repercussions were obviously what made Gur ask for the meeting.

Perhaps more than anyone else in the government, Gur realizes that the explosive ruling should not be taken lightly. If tested by events, *many in the army would be torn by the* dilemma it creates: the need to decide between the duty to follow legal military orders and the impulse to obey conscience and religious conviction.

Unlike many of his cabinet colleagues, Gur seems to realize that one of the greatest threats the nation faces at this juncture is the very real possibility of civil strife. On the left of the political spectrum there are those who say, both openly and privately, not only that such strife is inevitable, but that it may not be undesirable if it eliminates the opposition to the current peace process. Typically, Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni criticized Gur's efforts to achieve understanding with the religious community as a display of unseemly groveling.

On the extreme right, too, there are voices almost gleefully forecasting a violent showdown between "true believers" and the "treasonous leftists." True, the number on either side of those afflicted with such insanity is small, but it does not take many to start a lethal conflagration.

Regrettably, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has paid little attention to the danger. It is doubtful that he would have used inflammatory, highly provocative expressions about his opponents – particularly the residents of the Golan, Judea, Samaria, and Gaza – had he understood how frayed their nerves are and how restive the fringes on both sides of the *political spectrum are. Sending Gur to talk to* the rabbis, and Rabin's own meeting with opposition leaders on Friday, may be an indication of a welcome change.

Rabin's decision against evacuating Jews from Hebron, too, seems to indicate that he has recognized the intensity of the opposition to such a move. His assurances to the Knesset opposition factions and to settlement leaders that the Oslo agreement would be faithfully observed, and that no settlements would be *uprooted until the "final status" negotiations* are concluded, may signal that he is finally aware of the need for a broader consensus. If nothing else, the decision rendered the unfortunate intervention of the militant rabbis in what should be the exclusive domain of the courts quite irrelevant.

Half-hearted half measures

THE world will not react with the same uproar to the confirmed "ethnic cleansing" of 20 innocent people in Bosnia over the weekend as it did to the Hebron massacre. The Hebron atrocity was the work *of one deranged murderer, but "ethnic cleansing"* continues to be practiced as policy by all sides in the Bosnian conflict.

Bosnia Serbs in Prijedor slaughtered 17 Moslem and three Croat non-combatants during a murder and arson rampage. In the surrounding Banja Luka region a drive to expunge all traces of non-Serbian presence is *reported. UN monitors have warned that vio*lence against minorities had intensified across northern Bosnia and that local Serb authorities were failing to take action to stop it.

A proposed evacuation of terrified civilians from the targeted "cleansing" area has put the United Nations in a dilemma – should it save lives by doing the Serbs' ethnic cleansing for *them? The answer of course is yes*, the lives should be saved, especially since the UN-designated havens of safety for Bosnia's minorities have proved to be yet another optimistic fiction of this war. The reality is that all 7,000 Moslems and 3,000 Croats living among the 55,000 Serbs of Prijedor may have nowhere else to go. Croatia has reached its limit in receiving refugees and the anti-immigrant backlash in Europe is closing more and more doors there.

One other fiction is that the war is virtually *over, since the halt to the shelling of Sarajevo* and the Serb-Croat cease-fire accord over the Serb enclave of Krajina inside Croatia. Bosnia is like a vessel leaking blood – to staunch one source merely intensifies the flow elsewhere. In the eastern Moslem enclave of Gorazde – another so-called "safe zone" – Serb artillery has mercilessly pounded this large town since the Sarajevo cease-fire and UN officials are fearful of what might happen if it is overrun.

Serbs have now grabbed 70 percent of Bosnia and show little inclination to accept patchy peace accords as more than breathing spaces in which to concentrate on further expansion. Many of the tanks removed from Sarajevo are in action in central Bosnia and neither the UN nor NATO shows any inclination to act on the air-strike threat to protect the Moslem havens. Peace in Sarajevo has been a success so far, but it has proved to be a *half measure*. Regrettably, the international effort to follow it up and silence all the guns in Bosnia has run out of steam.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

Sir, – One aspect of Chaim Herzog's excellent article ("A dagger in democracy's back," March 18) deserves more attention than it was given: the fact that the threat to Israel's democracy – actually to Israel's very existence – comes entirely from religious groups. We are witnessing in the territories the inevitable end of a messianic movement, with all the disillusion, despair and moral breakdown that this entails. The situation has been made worse by the movement's rabbis' steady inculcation of the message that the Land of Israel is more important than the State of Israel; that Halacha is more important than the law of the land; and that messianism is more important than reality.

The massacre in Hebron was not only an attempt to derail the peace process. Goldstein was shooting at the State of Israel for the sake of the Land of Israel; at Israel's rule of law for the sake of Halacha; and at reality for the sake of the Messiah. In other words, he was firing the first shots of the civil war that not a few of those like him seem to want.

The settlers' spiritual leaders *are largely responsible for the situ*ation that has evolved and it is unrealistic to expect that they will *do anything to defuse matters.* Moderate Arabs could do much to help. However, all the settlers' spiritual leaders have done so far is pour petrol on the flames with a flow of halachic rulings declaring that the government has no authority, calling on soldiers to disobey orders, and exhorting the settlers to die rather than retreat from an inch of the Land of Israel. They have a great deal of soul-searching to do.

I hope that Chaim Herzog speaks more plainly to them in private than he dared to do in public.

NACHUM APPLETON

Ra'anana.

Sir, – When Chaim Herzog spouts democracy in his article and then condemns, slanders and wants to outlaw and jail without trial a political entity that doesn't conform to his views, it makes his words so hypocritical it churns my stomach.

Mr. Herzog doesn't know what a democracy is. When someone wants to suppress any individual or group before they have committed an unlawful act, that certainly is not democratic. Mr. Herzog condemns *whole groups of people* without trial for one man's action.

ZVI SCHWARTZ

Jerusalem.

CALUMNY

Sir, – Chaim Herzog's characteristically cogent article, "A dagger in democracy's back" (March 18) contains an uncharacteristically tendentious generalization: "The US is the breeding ground for Jewish extremists," which was motivated by his anger at an ugly demonstration on one of his visits in New York.

In this unfortunate error, the distinguished former president, MK and IDF leader echoes the calumny uttered by others, including government representatives, that the egregious act of one deviant Jew from Brooklyn condemns all other Jews from there and elsewhere in the US.

As one of many Israelis who was born and bred in the US – in Brooklyn, dare I say, Borough Park – I object to this generalization, *for it is untrue.*

Despite the terrorist acts of some in Herzog's native Ireland, I would similarly protest against anyone who generalized that their treachery warrants a blanket condemnation of many or most other Irishmen.

M. BERLIN

Jerusalem.

DEAFENING SILENCE

Sir, – Since the publication of the story regarding the execution of a 78-year old Iranian Jew, the follow-up story regarding his two years in prison spent almost entirely in chains and the horrible torture before his murder, there has been only one condemnation from the US, as reported in a short article on the back page of *The Jerusalem Post*.

Have we become so desensitized to all of the many murders of both Jews and Arabs that the terrible torture-murder of one old Jew does not touch us? Where are all of the human rights groups that are so quick to condemn Israel for mistreating Arabs? Where are the editorials from *The Jerusalem Post*? Where is the media coverage on television?

The silence is deafening.

Herzliya. *LAUREL J. LASKY*

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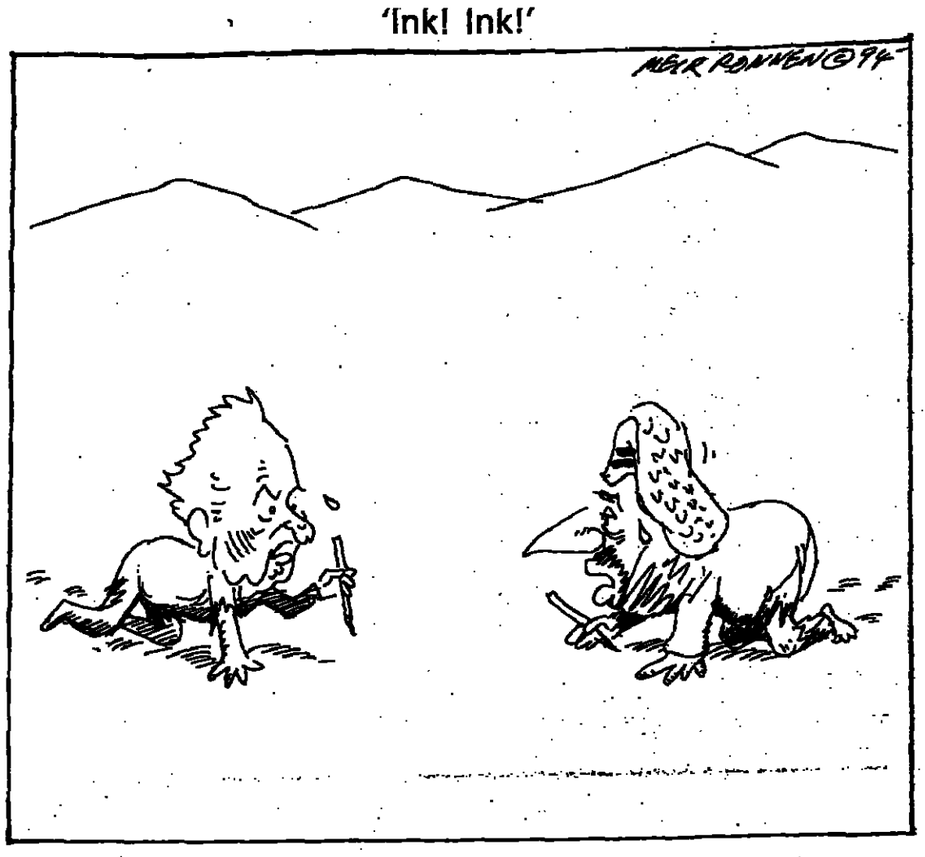

Nuclear leverage

JAMES T. HACKETT

AFTER weeks of delay, the Clinton administration finally decided to send Patriot missile interceptors to South Korea.

The US sent these defensive missiles because North Korea keeps spending its scarce resources on the development of offensive missiles of increasing range and capability, and on nuclear and chemical weapons for them to deliver.

The secret North Korean nuclear weapons program has received worldwide attention through the efforts of the International Atomic Energy Agency to inspect its nuclear facilities. Less well known is North Korea's missile development program, which is equally shrouded in secrecy.

That secrecy was lifted slightly by *Jane's Defence Weekly*, which last month reported that satellite surveillance had revealed a mock-up of a new two-stage intermediate range missile at the Sanum Dong research and development facility in North Korea.

In a program nearly 20 years old, North Korea has developed a whole series of improved ballistic missiles. *Pyongyang appears to be* following the example of China, which developed a series of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles in the 1960s and 1970s, often surprising Western intelligence as each new weapon was unveiled.

China also has been a role model for North Korea in another way. *The Chinese leadership has shown* that applying huge resources to military technology can pay off in in*ternational deference, even while* denying their own people basic political and human rights.

Kim il-Sung knows that one way to get what he wants is to brandish both nuclear weapons and the *means to deliver them. Thus, North* Korea's nuclear weapons program is a deadly serious effort to get the Bomb, *while the purpose of its mis*sile program is to deliver it. Once in hand, these weapons will be used to blackmail Japan, the US and the international community for recognition and financial support.

To achieve that kind of leverage, Kim il-Sung needs a missile that can deliver a nuclear weapon to Japanese cities and American bases. By 1989, North Korea was producing a 590-km. Scud C and selling it to Iran and Syria.

But its big break came with the collapse of the Soviet Union, when

The US and Israel must act now to defuse Korea's Bomb in the making

dozens of Russian missile experts suddenly became available to apply advanced missile technologies to the North Korean effort. Work began in 1989 on a completely redesigned Scud that became known as the Nodong 1, with an estimated range of up to [illegible] km. This model that was [illegible] last year, greatly increasing interest in missile defenses in Japan.

It was known, however, that North Korean and Russian engineers were also working on an entirely new missile, dubbed the No*dong 2, which was believed to have* two stages and an estimated range of 1,920 km. Now, *Jane's* reports that the new missile sighted in North Korea is much more powerful than that.

THE FIRST stage appears to be the size of a Chinese CSS-2, the *intermediate-range missile that* China first deployed in 1970 and later sold to Saudi Arabia. The up*per stage of the new missile looks* like a Nodong 1. These two stages together would give the Taepo *Dong 2 an estimated range in ex*cess of 3,200 km. Such a missile could reach not only any target in South Korea or Japan, but US bases on Guam and Okinawa as well. It could easily reach Israel from anywhere in Iran.

The intelligence community is justifiably cautious. The mock-up may be a dummy, rolled out just to influence the current dispute between Pyongyang and Washington. And even if it is real, it is likely to be years before it is operational.

On the other hand, it is undisputed that North Korea has a rapidly advancing missile development program. And there is the wild card of Russian engineers and the advanced technologies they can provide.

It is worth remembering the words of Lt. Im Young-sun, who defected from North Korea and told a press conference in Seoul last August that his army unit was working on construction of four underground launch sites for missiles "to attack US military bases in Japan and Guam." At the time, the mention of Guam as a target for North Korean missiles was met with snickers. But now the report of a satellite sighting of just such a missile gives Lt. Im's statement new credibility.

Sending Patriots to [illegible] US and South Korean [illegible] the right thing to do, but they should be sent by air, not by slow boat. North Korea's new missile also shows the *urgency of US and Israeli programs* to develop improved theater missile defenses.

Most important are the US Army's Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) program, *which is expected to have a new* missile interceptor ready for use as early as 1996, the US Navy's plans *for ship-based ballistic missile de*fenses, and Israel's Arrow missile interceptor program.

*Despite severe economic difficul*ties, North Korea is giving its new missiles top priority. The US and Israel should give a similar high priority to their missile defenses.

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Africa's uneven playing field

MANGOSUTHU BUTHELEZI

IT is surely a party's democratic right to choose whether or not it will participate in an election.

Under normal circumstances, political parties participate because elections are the acknowledged democratic means by which governments come and go. Having accepted the rules of the game, parties have no problems in participating in the institutions and processes flowing from a legitimate constitution.

Our situation in South Africa is *rather different, however, primarily* because the interim constitution inadequately reflects the national will. We have rejected the constitution, and, being consistent, have also refused to participate in elec*tions called in terms of this constitu*tion to be held April 26-28.

The reasons for this are simple. From the commencement of the negotiations over the constitution, we have consistently sought an all-inclusive constitutional settlement, following which elections would be called and a non-racial democracy would come into being.

Anticipating, however, that our political opponents would seek to deny us both the opportunity to negotiate and its constitutional *product, we stated right at the out*set of negotiations that we would accept the new constitution and participate in its institutions and processes only if we had been party to the decisions reached.

However, this was not to be. A lengthy Machiavellian manipulation commenced, right at the start of negotiations, with attempts to marginalize our Inkatha Freedom Party.

There isn't the space to detail our problems, but as examples of our difficulties, it is important to note that every single submission we made – on the transition process, on the form of the state and on violence – was totally ignored. Again, while we were party to the decision on the means by which the election date was to be set, it is important to note that the date itself was set without the agreed-to

From the start, the ANC and the government connived to keep the Zulus out of the elections

preconditions being satisfied. This was the last straw. It led to our formal withdrawal from the Kempton Park talks (on constitutional negotiations) on July 2.

FROM THEN on, we engaged the government and the ANC in bilat*eral and trilateral talks, but again, it* became abundantly clear that they had no intention of taking our concerns seriously.

This is why mediation is so important. The ANC and the IFP have agreed that the prominent international mediators could play a meaningful role in bridging the divide and, if they succeed, we believe it is still possible to finalize an all-inclusive settlement that will permit us to accept the constitution and participate in elections – which constitutionally can be held anytime until the end of September.

Unfortunately, however, political temperatures are rising. In addition to its war against the IFP during the 1980s, the ANC attempted in 1990 and 1993 to overthrow the KwaZulu government, and is attempting to do so once again. It is trying to create a situation justifying the central government's military intervention in KwaZulu and the takeover of the region's administration by the all-powerful, ANC-dominated and unconstitutional Transitional Executive Council.

Furthermore, violence is reaching civil war proportions – more than 50 Zulus were massacred in a peaceful march in Johannesburg last Monday – and we foresee this type of savagery continuing as our opponents try to annihilate the IFP once and for all. Thursday the government declared a state of emergency in Natal province and KwaZulu. We condemn this. It will only make fair elections impossible.

Irrespective of these signs of others' desperation, we remain adamant that we have the choice as to whether we participate or do not participate in elections. The government and the ANC have known from the start of negotiations that their conniving could well result in our rejecting the constitution, so there is nothing surprising in our having adhered to our principles.

Since democracy is freedom to choose, we call upon the government and the ANC to respect our choice, or to facilitate our entering the elections. They will decide whether the IFP joins the process or irrevocably withdraws from it.

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(Newsday)

TV tyranny

HARVEY EDINOFF

IN 1989, five companies were given franchises to broadcast cable television across the country. At the same time, the subscribers' monthly fee was fixed by the Communications Ministry's cable commissioner.

That fee was based on assumptions which turned out to be false. The anticipated growth of the viewing audience was significantly underestimated, and programming costs overestimated.

Although this *is now evident*, nothing is being done by Cable Commissioner Michal Rafaeli to correct the price structure. Indeed, the Golden Channels has just announced an *increase* in monthly rates!

After the franchises were granted, four of the five operators formed ICP Ltd. to produce a package of channels which were then, as now, broadcast simultaneously by each company. The fifth firm, although not one of the participants in ICP, agreed to buy its programs and broadcast them in the same way as the other four.

This arrangement was approved by the cartels commissioner, only after receiving court approval for the first three-year period. In December 1993, the court refused to renew its approval of the arrangement, and ordered that ICP be disbanded within 45 days. It stated that the savings brought about by group buying had not been passed on to subscribers.

Cable subscribers shouldn't be forced to pay for stations they never watch

On January 25, journalist Tommy Lapid told the Knesset finance committee that an average subscription brought in NIS 1,200 annually. About NIS 120 of this is spent on acquiring, translating and preparing the material, and a further NIS 60 goes to cover costs incurred in presenting the material to the viewer.

In dollar terms, the cable industry will gross $280 million in 1994, and out of this will pay only about $48m. for all the material we see. This leaves a massive $240m. to cover operating expenses, marketing, interest on borrowed capital and depreciation.

CLEARLY, WE are paying too much for what we are getting.

So what are we getting? In my case, a small amount of material I want to see, and a great deal in *which I have no interest. I have no* interest in German, French, Turkish, Arabic, Indian or Italian broad*casts. I realize that there are those* who want these broadcasts, and there is a simple way of dealing with *this. It's called "tiering."*

In America, the subscriber pays only for the channels he wants. He can also buy packages of channels, or programs on an "a la carte" basis.

In Israel, we have two choices: Take it or leave it. Many subscribers would happily leave it, if they could receive the New Channel 2 without having to rely on cable.

Recent surveys have shown that more cable subscribers view Channel 2 and Channel 1 than all the other cable programs combined. But we all pay for these channels anyway.

Instead, viewers could be offered different packages by the cable operators. One package could be, say, films, CNN, BBC, or some other combination of English-speaking programs. Package Two could be, say, The Children's Channel, MTV, The Family Channel, and so on. Sports programs could be included in a separate package.

All packages would be in addition to Channels 1 and 2, as the cable operators are required by law to broadcast these. The subscriber would buy only the additional packages he desires, and enjoy a substantially reduced monthly premium.

Tiering would reduce the cable operators' income, but might attract additional subscribers.

It has been reported that Tevel, the cable operator in the Tel Aviv area, has applied for permission to broadcast *films* on a "pay-per-view." This would offer the viewer a choice of films at various hours of the day. If the viewer wants to see a film, he "orders" it, either by punching codes into the equipment provided by the operator, or by telephone. Either way, he is charged only for the films he views.

Unless viewers are given a full range of choices, we will continue paying for a lot of material we don't want to see.

It is time for the cable commissioner to intervene and form a consumers' "watchdog" group to safeguard the public interest. After all, we are spending $280 million annually. This gives us the right to tell cable operators and the cable commissioner what we want.

We don't have to just take it any more.

The writer works in the local film industry.

Musical megastars get together to sing Argov's praises

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THERE were three admirers for every one of Alexander "Sasha" Argov's compositions on Sunday night, as the Mann Auditorium was packed for a nationally broadcast homage to the creator of some 1,000 songs.

It was a birthday present that the 80-year-old giant of Israeli light music will not soon forget.

Argov sat in the first row of the Tel Aviv hall, enjoying a tribute to himself presented by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert was broadcast live on both radio and television.

Argov was undoubtedly on cloud nine as singers such as oldtimers Ilanit, Dani Litani and Netanela were joined by the younger generation of stars like Yizhar Cohen and Ahinoam Nini, to perform a wide selection of his songs.

"Argov's greatness is that he has created a language we weren't used to before. He created a whole new world," Shimon Cohen, the event's music director, explained last week.

Cohen was on the podium to lead the IPO in two orchestral suites of music by Argov, and to accompany all the singers.

"Argov and his contemporaries, such as Amiran, Zeira and Vilenski, tried to create something out of nothing. They came here to a musical desert and created everything that we are now hearing on the radio."

Among his best-loved songs are *Erev Be'Mescha, Shir Mishmar, She'at Omeret Lo, Adoni Hashofet, She'or Dolek Behalonech* and *Hakol Zahav*.

Cohen suggests that once you hear an Argov song "it's virtually impossible to accept the lyrics with a different tune. While other lyrics have been set to music by several composers, once Argov writes something there is no point to changing it at all. Argov serves the text. His major aim is to serve the subject matter and not the music."

Argov has not written only songs, although he has more than a thousand to his credit. He has also written extensively for theater and film.

And he wrote the most original musical ever created in Israel, *King Solomon and the Cobbler Shalmai (Shlomo Hamelech ve Shalmai Hasandlar)*. The suite from the musical which concluded the concert in Tel Aviv was a most fitting finale to a grand evening of great melodies and touching songs.

Cohen adds that although Argov was writing for many years, no one really knew about his work for almost four decades "until a miracle happened."

"Suddenly Matti Caspi began singing the music of Sasha to his audience and suddenly, he made him accepted. Argov was writing 30 years before his time.

"Matti Caspi gave the final stamp of approval to his music and today young ones know the music of Argov much better than people of his own generation."

Argov has been setting to music lyrics of Israel's greatest poets from Haim Guri to Alexander Pen and from A. Hillel to Ya'acov Shabtai.

He has mostly collaborated with Haim Hefer. "Bereshit" (In the Beginning), the song that opened the concert, is an example of Hefer's pointed commentary on a world which destroys itself. And the music is as harsh as the lyrics.

Cohen suggests that this is not really light music. "It is art song. It is lieder," he says.

He adds that Argov has always composed at the piano, never thinking about the orchestra. "He never orchestrated a thing. He was always interested only in the human voice and the piano, transmitting a message in the clearest and purest possible way."

Sasha Argov. (Michal Heyman)

The full house at the Mann Auditorium suggested that there is audience for an evening of light music at its very best performed by this country's leading orchestra.

The way the orchestra played, both the suites and when it accompanied the impressive array of singers, shows that when the IPO wants to it can do justice not only to Mahler and Beethoven, but also to the composers whose musical output has become the bread and butter of many Israeli generations.

Most who were there Sunday night, joining the orchestra in more than a few singalongs shed a tear of joy honoring the man who made Israeli music what it really is, and in the process having a great time listening to some of the finest music ever written here.

Drama plays second fiddle to rococo set, costumes in 'Amadeus'

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

AMADEUS

By Peter Shaffer. Direction, Michael Gurevitch. Hebrew, Gadi Roll. Sets, Adrian Vaux. Costumes, Edna Sobol. Lighting, Yehiel Orgal. Hebrew title, Amadeus. At Haifa Municipal Theater.

Constanza ..... Rama Messinger
Salieri ..... Moshe Becker
Mozart ..... Alon Ophir
Emperor Josef ..... Shimeon Lev-Ari

Following on the famous film, any staged production of *Amadeus* obviously runs into a problem. Competing with a cast and crew of unmatched excellence is liable to prove an insurmerable challenge.

The Haifa production has no such problem. With Adrian Vaux's sets and Edna Sobol's costumes stealing the show from both playwright and actors, the rest is reduced to secondary importance.

Vaux's riot of rococo, gold-encrusted flattage screens with its vine-festooned columns, gilded cherubim and gold-tasseled drapes, together with Sobol's parade of gorgeously adorned characters, comprises the most convincing rhetoric of the evening.

The rest is less drama than a death mask with a ghoulish, Victorian villain ultimately managing to turn it into a vengeful melodrama with musical underpinnings.

Moshe Becker's Salieri, a baleful, green-eyed monster, dominates with monologues mainly outstanding for their total lack of subtlety and general sensitivity to the role.

Becker's blatant upstaging overshadows Alon Ophir's Mozart and Rama Messinger's Constanza. As the mischievous genius and his mettlesome wife, these two manage an engaging and delightful ensemble that is not seen to full advantage.

Ophir's Mozart, for all that it appears to take off Tom Hulce of film fame, still blazes with genuine exuberance and charm. With Messinger as his sparkling wife, the two project the title piece vivaciously.

If only Becker's sinister characterization had not been allowed to cut across their pranks to submerge them finally in the sentimental melodrama and pitiful parody of the composer's tragic end. If only the director had sustained his otherwise admirable control of the production with a judicious balance between the principals, if only, if only....

For all that, some of the smaller parts charge the atmosphere with authentic period elegance and luster. Thus Shimeon Lev-Ari as the foppish Emperor Josef the Second is engaging. Michael Koresh as an ebullient, sparkling news-bearer, and Mordechai Ben-Ze'ev as an Italianate Director of the Imperial Opera are equally enchanting.

ROTTEN TO THE CORE – Former Sex Pistols singer Johnny Rotten meets his wax portrait at Madame Tussand's Rock Circus in London. The meeting coincides with the launch of the seminal punk-rock singer's autobiography. (Reuter)

Russian guest conductor fails his Schumann test with IPO

CONCERT ROUNDUP

RUSSIAN conductor Yuri Temirkanov's second program with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra was again a one-sided affair, featuring three romantic works: Weber's *Oberon* overture, Schumann's Symphony No. 4 in D minor and, finally, the Brahms violin concerto.

Temirkanov's real test was the Schumann symphony, which he did not exactly pass with flying colors. True. Schumann symphonies pose great interpretative problems and only very few conductors are able to master them effectively. Regrettably, Temirkanov is not among them, and his reading sounded superficial, indifferent and one-dimensional, progressing linearly without sonoral and musical depth.

The second part of the concert was the Brahms concerto, featuring Itzhak Perlman. Perlman is, of course, Perlman, and his glowing tone and warm lyricism, his beautiful cantilenas and his dramatic insight and impeccable virtuosity are always most welcome treats, but the concerto, despite its unassailable greatness, has long lost its impact.

It has been heard so many times, played by the greatest soloists that it now, regrettably, has entirely lost what John Cage called the "singular, direct encounter with music" effect. When we listen to the Brahms concerto or similar works we merely recall from our private and collective memory what has been stored there for ages, permitting no new experiences.

Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, March 28. ***Benjamin Bar-Am***

A PREMIERE-studded selection of modern music, and an abundance of different styles, was offered by the 21st Century Ensemble, conducted by Zsolt Nagy from Hungary, in this season's second concert in the Meet the 21st Century series, at the Jerusalem Music Center.

Sealed Room for 12 wind and string instruments by Schidlowsky, the Israeli music representative among these premieres, mirrors in sound the traumas experienced during the Gulf War.

Realistic imitations of events are avoided, but associations are evoked unambiguously. Combinations of long drawn-out, oppressive notes and forceful rhythmic motifs accumulate to a dense, menacing atmosphere of acute tension and impending disaster.

Stravinsky's Concertino for 12, in its local premiere, recalls his *Histoire du Soldat*, from about the time of the Concertino's first version (1920), with its incisive rhythms and the weirdness of its obbligato violin (Albert Gantman). Although still comparatively mild when regarded from today's perspective, it helps to understand where, among others, Ligeti's Piano Concerto comes from.

Ligeti's Piano Concerto, also a local premiere, was undisputably the climax of the evening. Syncopic rhythms of split-second precision at the start were only the foreshadowings of the sonic events that were to follow, building up a tremendous impact.

In this work, Ligeti stretches the concept of contrast to its utmost limits. It is realized on almost all possible levels: between the highest and the lowest registers, sounded simultaneously on the piano; between a low, long double-bass note and high, short woodwind motifs; between calm, soothing strings punctured by savage outbursts of percussion; and between percussive, relentless hammering on the piano and soft, elastic figurations, simultaneously and in alternation, to name but a few. All these combine to hold the listener spellbound in an increasingly forceful grip up to the explosive end.

The enormously intricate and demanding piano solo was performed superbly by Michal Tal.

Nagy conducted the works with authoritative command and precision.

Jerusalem Music Center Mishkenot Sha'ananim, in collaboration with the Voice of Music, March 20. ***Ury Eppstein***

THE Rainbow Tribe's three members play nine instruments – no doubt the utmost use one can make of limited manpower. Daniel Ahaviel plays electric violin, electric mandolin and African drum, Alberto Bohbouth plays keyboards, while Emmanuel Almosnino is on clarinet, kalimba, mbira, percussion, and didgeridoo.

Although presenting their music as "ethnic," the ethnicity is represented not so much by the playing but by some of the instruments themselves, by a distinct African note of the mbira (thumb piano) and of the drumming, and by occasional Middle Eastern intervals on the clarinet.

The predominantly improvisational, highly inventive "New Age" stylistic playing leaves the ethnic elements far behind.

After a colorful round-the-instrumental-world tour, the Tribe landed safely on the familiar shores of the square dance, topping it off with a Hassidic homecoming on the clarinet and violin, adorned, of all things, by the didgeridoo (Aboriginal wooden trumpet), for a welcome change.

Casa Argentina, March 19 ***Ury Eppstein***

THE first performance of a new Israeli work, Shlomo Dubnov's Sonata for cello and piano, opened an evening of 20th-century music for these instruments, presented by Hillel and Ruth Zori.

The Sonata's beginning is a deceptively Romantic, but the elegiac singing of the cello is soon placed into its modernist perspective by distorting utterances of the piano. The cello's lyricism and the piano's denials develop into a gripping dialogue in which each maintained its independence, even up to a feeling of struggle, while nevertheless proceeding in a remarkably cohesive manner.

Praiseworthy as the effort of offering exclusively 20th-century composition is, it defies its purpose because the expected audience simply stays away.

The old trick of sandwiching modern works in between pieces of more common appeal still seems to render a better service to the newer pieces.

In this case, the loss was entirely that of those who did not attend. What they missed was an uncommonly attractive selection of little-known cello and piano works from Debussy's still 19th-century-rooted Sonata (1915) to Britten's highly eventful and spirited Sonata in C major, Lukas Foss's witty *Capriccio* and Noam Sheriff's *Confessions* for cello solo, representing the mainstream of Israeli music.

What they also missed was the performance of two young, highly talented, forceful musical personalities – each in his own, very individual way – who display a sense of genuine involvement in the music they are playing.

Ticho House, Jerusalem, March 17. ***Ury Eppstein***

THE opening night of the Musical Passover festival at Beit Daniel in Zichron Ya'acov was successful above all because of flutist Er'ella Talmi.

Playing with charm and ease, Talmi brought Mozart's Flute Quartet K.285 to a real festive level, displaying a silvery smooth tone, excellent virtuosity and foolproof technique. It was a pure joy to hear such a flowing rendition of the quartet in which one reveled in the musicality of Talmi and the pure essence of the piece itself.

Talmi also performed *Three Monologues* for flute solo which were written by her husband Yoav Talmi. While some members of the audience had problems with this contemporary composition, it showcased not only the flutist's excellent mastery of her instrument but also the care of the composer both for the instrument he wrote for, and to the woman who plays it.

Another contemporary piece on the program was Schnittke's piano quintet that left even more members of the rather conservative audience uncomfortable.

It was performed with devotion and dedication by pianist Emanuel Krasovsky and the Gertler Quartet, but never reached the musical depths of the composition itself. It was, however, much better played than the concluding Brahms quartet Opus 51 No. 1 which showcased the Gertler Quartet in less than peak form. A pity it was, because this is one of the finest chamber music pieces in the repertoire. It was, all in all, a far from festive event that left one rather disappointed.

Michael Ajzenstadt

Queen of Soul's latest song selection is awfully hard to R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

WAY back in the Sixties, Aretha Franklin was more than the Queen of Soul – she was the voice of certainty.

"R.E.S.P.E.C.T." is a battle cry which has not been diminished by the war of attrition that followed. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of the song-picking judgment of Reverend Franklin's little girl, the one with the God-given voice.

Aretha Franklin, Greatest Hits (1980-1994) (Hed Arzi) is very uneven. There's no doubt that Aretha's voice is still effortlessly magnificent. However, most of these songs have only a fraction of the verve of the oldies that are still her trademark.

Notable low points are such vapid confections as "Doctor's Orders." Its empty musical calories are matched by the thick, white sugar frosting of "United Together." The sweet, unconvincing story they tell is fleshed out by the soap opera of "Jump to it (My Baby Calls)" and "Willing To Forgive" – apparently just about everything.

Other pop ditties like "Who's Zoomin Who" and "Freeway of Love" have more spunk. But one good hook does not make a great song.

"A Deeper Love" is much more solid. With the lyrics "People let me tell ya/ I work hard every day/ I get up outta bed I put on my clothes/ 'Cause I got bills to pay" Franklin gets down to believable business. It gives her a real base from which to testify about the Gospel-tinged "deeper love" that gives her the power to avoid the traps of looking for "handouts" and "welfare, stealin' " and "dealin'."

Let's hope that this new song, featured in Whoopi Goldberg's film *Sister Act 2*, indicates the direction she will continue to follow. Its production team of David Cole and Robert Clivilles provide a much needed respite from the overblown, unconvincing productions she's been indulging in.

Meanwhile, hard-core Franklin fans can comfort themselves with a number of vocal collaborations that are a good cut above the usual radio fare.

"I Knew You Were Waiting (For Me)" sung with George Michael and "Ever Changing Times" with Michael McDonald are fine pop. And "You Make Me Feel (Like A Natural Woman)" features Bonnie Raitt who, for all her recorded gushing about how much she admires Aretha, sounds more inspiring than the vocal giant at her side.

Aside from "A Deeper Love" there is one song on which Franklin makes the most of her legendary gifts. On "I Dreamed A Dream" from *Les Miserables* she dispenses with puff and shares what sounds like her pretty battered heart. The Queen of Soul may not be happy, but she is alive and well and still quite capable of telling it like it is.

Interestingly enough this song, with its title so similar to the slogan "I Have A Dream," was recorded live at the 1993 Presidential Inaugural Gala. It's a timely song for a demanding era. And Franklin's insistence that no disappointment be allowed to kill the dream manages to be downright jubilant.

Franklin may still live up to the promise of her youth. When she was 18 she recorded a little known humor-filled gospel number called "Are You Sure?" It was effortless and totally inspired. Hopefully her next greatest hits collection will include many more songs of that pre-glitz caliber.

Shakarian's star shines even brighter

DANCE

DORA SOWDEN

THE Haifa Ballet made quite an impression last month at Jerusalem's Sherover Theater.

The ballet, directed by Adam and Elena Pasternak, featured a star as its lead and had other impressive immigrant dancers who enriched the program.

Since her arrival here several years ago, Gayana Shakarian, former prima ballerina of the Armenian Ballet, has maintained, and perhaps even enhanced, the aura and sparkle of her dancing – the brilliance in detail, the clarity in technique.

In fact, her star quality was dazzling in the highlight of the program – the pas-de-deux from Khachaturian's Gayane.

The four-act work has not often been staged in full since its debut (in Perm) 50 years ago.

The story is Armenian – about a collective farm and love and war – but the duet is closer in spirit to the much performed pas-de-deux from *Le Corsaire* for its opportunities to show off spectacular prowess.

Shakarian was partnered by a guest from Armenia, Armen Gregorian, who held his own in providing thrills and gave polished support to her subtle coquetry and freedom to her style.

The most ambitious work on the program, however, was Adam Pasternak's version of *Carmen*, in which Shakarian also danced the title role and the choreographer indulged his fantasy based on the famous novel by Merimee and set to a rearrangement of Bizet's opera music.

On the stage was a line of high-backed chairs for the whole cast and a flamboyant backdrop that added to the drama. The dancing was outstanding throughout, professionally and artistically, with Feodor Obernko (Jose), Alexander Reberger (Toreador) and another of Carmen's lovers who seemed to be a transformation of the most prominent smuggler.

This *Carmen*, effective as it was, aimed too obviously at sensationalism. There were, for instance, far too many lifts of the ballerina by all three of the male principals, so Shakarian's power of characterization was almost lost in the display.

Her ability to keep her arabesques high and firm in the air while her partners raised her again and again was exceptional and their strength was remarkable, but it was all overdone and heavy with repetition.

Though her freshness and appeal in the final scenes were conspicuous, the characterization was in danger of fizzling out through too much action.

In a charmingly amiable *Four Seasons*, six members of the company showed off their classical achievement, and *Bach Variations*, also choreographed by Pasternak (which opened the program), was as good as a limbering up.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	1	7	DAVID BROZA	MASSADA
#2	11	5	MARIAH CAREY	MUSIC BOX
#3	/	1	PINK FLOYD	THE DIVISION BELL
#4	5	16	ACHINOAM NINI	NINI AND DOR
#5	/	1	NOW 27	COMPILATION
#6	12	15	ENIGMA 2	CROSS OF CHANGES
#7	19	26	SHLOMO ARTZI	COMPILATION
#8	17	11	BJORK	DEBUT
#9	16	26	BOAZ SHARABI	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#10	4	26	ARIK EINSTEIN	COMPILATION
#11	5	4	URI FINEMAN	RENEWED LOVE 2
#12	7	2	HIT BOX VOL. 4	COMPILATION
#13	9	2	SOUNDTRACK	THE NAME OF THE FATHER
#14	3	3	HIT LIST VOL. 2	COMPILATION
#15	/	RE	ZOHAR ARGOV	'ZOHAR' SOUNDTRACK

Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE – re-entry

Libi's Warm Corner

LIBI – The Fund for Strengthening Israel's Defense

Haifa Residents

On the occasion of Independence Day, members of Youth Movements will soon deliver to all mailboxes in the city blue and white envelopes containing an appeal for contributions to Libi by Mayor Amram Mitzna and Libi Chairman, Major-General (Res.) Daniel Matt.

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Bezek agrees to carry out development plan in Azerbaijan

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEK has agreed to carry out a comprehensive development program for telecommunications in Azerbaijan.

Bezek officials agreed to prepare a memorandum of understanding toward the signing of such an accord during a meeting yesterday with Azerbaijan Communications Minister Sirouz Hussein.

Bezek and the Azerbaijani government plan to establish a joint company for operating international telecommunications, including an overseas phone exchange and a satellite station.

The company will be operated jointly for a decade.

A second project planned is the upgrading of public telephone exchanges in Azerbaijan, especially by computerizing them.

IBM would be involved in this effort with Bezek.

Tadiran and Bezek will investigate the possibility of establishing and operating service phone exchanges, such as Israel's 144 (information), 166 (repair service) and 188 (overseas operator).

Bezek chairman Moshe Haba and managing director Yitzhak Kaul decided a joint team will be established with the Azerbaijani government to reach agreement on details.

The memorandum of understanding is expected to be signed during Hussein's visit this week.

A Bezek engineer will fly immediately after the ceremony to Azerbaijan to study field conditions, Bezek said yesterday.

Grumman gives nod to Northrop in bid war

BETHPAGE, N.Y. (Reuter) – Grumman Corp. yesterday accepted a $2.17 billion takeover offer from an old competitor, Northrop Corp., apparently ending a high-flying month-long bidding war with defense aerospace giant Martin Marietta Corp.

Grumman, one of the oldest names in the defense business, said it is now prepared to merge with Northrop, a milestone in the post-Cold War consolidation of the shrinking arms industry.

"I'm sure there will be a smooth transition from the Grumman Corp. to the Northrop Grumman Corp." said Grumman chairman Renso Caporali.

Defense contractors are either getting bigger to increase their survival odds or bailing out altogether. The conquer-or-perish ethic created a lively bidding war for Grumman, despite an outlook for diminished overall sales for all the companies involved.

"We continue to believe that consolidation is the only sensible answer to the overcapacity in our industry, and the combined strengths of our two companies will make Northrop Grumman a formidable competitor," Caporali added.

But despite the talk of a stronger company, and the prospect for saving jobs, analysts said the decision turned on who would offer the most hard cash for Grumman.

Northrop, whose initial interest was seen as unwelcome, won Grumman's hand with a final $2-a-share sweetener in the final round. Grumman told its shareholders to accept Northrop's $62-a-share takeover offer after Martin Marietta stood pat with a $55 deal that Grumman's board had approved March 6.

"An increase of $7 a share over the original offer is an excellent deal for our shareholders, and we're pleased to have four weeks of uncertainty b[illegible] us," said Caporali.

Martin Marietta, in a statement, said it will not increase its merger offer because it would not be in the interests of its shareholders. But it continued to argue that its bid for Grumman was superior.

Martin Marietta and Grumman had announced a definitive merger agreement March 7 and Bethesda, Maryland-based Martin Marietta followed up with a $55 per share tender offer for Grumman worth $1.9b.

But it was subsequently learned that Grumman had been talking to Los Angeles-based Northrup for much of 1993.

Grumman turned to Martin Marietta only when those talks failed to reach any agreement. Northrop countered Martin Marietta's offer with a $60 per share offer of its own worth just over $2b.

Wall Street arbitragers have predicted all along that Grumman will be sold to the highest bidder.

Local budget deficit hits NIS 1.3b. in March

NEIL COHEN

THE government's deficit in its local budgetary activity was NIS 1.298 billion last month.

Deputy accountant-general Avisar Cohen said the sharp rise in the deficit was due to NIS 800 million in advanced salaries for Pessah.

The state's deficit in its local activity since the beginning of the year is NIS 32m.

The net deficit in local financing resulted in a cash outflow of NIS 450m. Total outflow as a result of government budgetary activity was NIS1.748b. State local expenses were NIS 9.482b., while revenues totaled NIS 8.184b.

Local capital raising, via the capital market and privatization sales, resulted in an outflow of NIS 340m. Total expenditure was NIS 21.3b., which was almost exactly balanced by total revenues.

Cohen said the NIS 2.3b. increase in revenues and expenses last month was due to the repayment of National Insurance Institute bonds and the subsequent reinvestment of the monies.

Revenues of about NIS 200m. from the conversion of warrants on Bank Leumi shares were received on April 1 and will be included in the April revenues.

State plans sale of Israel Shipyards

Government Companies Authority also hopes to sell 50% of Shikun Ufituah soon

NEIL COHEN

THE Government Companies Authority will offer for sale Israel Shipyards, which has been in temporary receivership since 1986.

The state owns 100 percent of the company.

Meanwhile, the authority hopes to sell 50% of construction company Shikun Ufituah to a private investor soon, Channel One's *Mabat* news program reported last night.

The rest of the company would then be floated on the stock exchange.

The company's recent stock exchange floatation was canceled at the last minute after its underwriters withdrew.

Those interested in acquiring Israel Shipyards are requested to inform the authority by May 5.

The government's decision stipulates that any purchaser must uphold the workers' rights of the existing labor agreements and maintain the company as a shipyard.

Israel Shipyards designs and builds marine craft for both civilian and military purposes, such as tugboats and multi-purpose craft. It also provides storage and maintenance of craft.

Government Companies Authority managing director Yossi Nitzani said the government hopes to complete the sale by the end of the year.

Yossi Nitzani: Hopes to complete Israel Shipyards sale by end of the year. (Rahamim Israeli)

The sale will be subject to the approval of the Knesset finance committee and the Jerusalem District Court, which will have to revoke the order appointing a temporary receiver.

Israel Shipyards' debts of approximately $150 million, including both principal and interest, will be written off prior to the conclusion of the sale.

Teva buys stake in French firm

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TEVA Pharmaceutical Industries has purchased a 34 percent stake in the French-based Prographarm International for $6.9 million.

Prographarm, which is engaged in sustained released pharmaceuticals and coding technology, completed the financial year ending March 31, 1994 with $17.5m. in total sales.

Teva told the stock exchange it is already cooperating with Prographarm to develope sustained released pharmaceuticals.

The cooperation has already led to the sale of Diltiazem, which Lemmon Company – Teva's US subsidiary – began marketing at the end of last year, the announcement said.

Teva CEO Eli Hurvitz told reporters about one month ago that the company is in advanced negotiations with groups in Europe to acquire and build distribution networks for its generic and ethical pharmaceutical products.

Hurvitz said the company intends to increase its presence in Western Europe.

Teva's potential partners are also working with the firm to open up networks in Eastern Europe, said Hurvitz.

Teva completed the year with a rise in net profit to $57.5m. from $31.7m. Total sales rose to $502m. from $395m.

Electra purchases French air-conditioning manufacturer

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ELECTRA Consumer Products has acquired the French-based L'Air Conditionne, the largest domestic air-conditioning manufacture in Europe, for $15 million, Elco chairman Gershon Zalkind announced yesterday.

Elco is the parent company of the Electra Group.

According to the agreement, Electra will pay $6m. for fixed assets and goodwill and about $9m. in current assets (inventory and receivables).

Electra has already paid the first installment of $6m., and will spread the remaining installments from the third quarter of 1993 to the first quarter of 1995.

The Mergers & Acquisitions division of La Compagnie Financiere Edmond De Rothschild assisted Electra throughout the acquisition phases.

Electra has re-named the French company L'Air Conditionne - Electra. The company has a 40,000 square meter factory and 410 workers.

Zalkind said a French company is negotiating with Electra the possibility of acquiring 20 percent of L'Air Conditionne's share capital. Zalkind refused to provide additional information regarding the negotiations.

He said L'Air Conditionne, which was acquired from the company's receiver, has entered into receivership as a result of cash-flow problems.

He stressed that the company was purchased without debts.

L'Air Conditionne is known in Europe under the Airwell brand name. The company reached its peak in 1990, when it had sales of $178m. Last year, sales fell to $83m.

"Since the season has started late, our sales budget for 1994 is $55m.," said Zalkind. "According to the budget, we expect losses of between $1m. and $1.5m. this year."

He said Electra expects to make a profit by 1996.

Zalkind said L'Air Conditionne complements Electra's products and markets, mainly in France, Germany and England.

Elco purchased 82% of Electra from Clal about two years ago, and since then the company has significantly expanded its activities.

Electra manufactures and distributes air-conditioning systems and lifts.

Last October, Electra purchased Spanish-based Johnson, a company engaged mainly in marketing, and about one month ago the company established a marketing firm in Italy called Electra Consumer Products - Italy.

Zalkind said Electra is in advanced negotiations to establish an air-conditioning production plant in China in partnership with another firm.

Since last September Electra has raised NIS 60m. from the issue of shares and warrants in two public offerings. The proceeds of the issues will be used to increase Electra's business worldwide.

This announcement appears as a matter of record only.

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$1,985,553,458

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March 1994

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Report – Israel still not competitive in world markets: The country's ability to compete in world markets has not improved in the past year, according to the annual report of the Israel Institute of Productivity, published today.

The report notes the country's trade deficit is growing, with imports increasing at the rate of one percent a month (not including diamonds). Exports during the second half last year stood at the same level as during the first half. This bodes ill for the prospects of economic growth, the report says.

Institute director-general Yosef Duriel said the "investment balance" also continues to be negative, as more dollars are leaving the country for investment abroad than are being invested here by foreigners. Moreover, commissions charged on investments made through the stock exchange siphoned off enough funds to create 1,000 new jobs, Duriel said.

Net production per worker was worth $39,000, compared to $57,000 per worker in Japan and $69,100 in Switzerland.

Foreign currency reserves rise $684 million: The nation's foreign currency reserves rose $684 million last month to $6.84 billion, the Bank of Israel reported.

The increase was mainly due to the government's raising of capital backed by the US loan guarantees and sales of foreign currency by the private business sector. This increase was partly offset by transfers abroad of foreign currency from bank deposits at the Bank of Israel and state payments abroad.

Investment Center approves 12 projects: The Industry and Trade Ministry's Investment Center has approved 12 investment proposals at a total investment of $11.5 million. Five proposals with a planned investment of $9.8m. were canceled after they were not implemented. The proposals approved should create more than 100 new jobs.

Dollar falls 0.2% against shekel in March: The currency basket strengthened by 0.6 percent against the shekel last month, while the dollar fell 0.2%. The German mark rose 2.5%, the French franc 2% and the yen 1.6%. The British pound weakened 0.2%.

Mag sets up marketing firm in Dusseldorf with German partners: Mag, a knitwear company, has established a marketing network in Dusseldorf in partnership with two German firms. Magma Collection will market Mag's knitwear in Western Europe under the Magma Line label.

Mag managing director Ron Bensinger said the company was founded in partnership with two leading businessman in Germany's fashion sector. Mag controls 52 percent of the shares, while the German partners each have a 24% stake.

Sales of Bezek's competitors total $3.1 billion: Bezek's competitors that offer telecommunications services on the private market said their sales total $3.1 billion annually – double that of Bezek's $1.5b. Solan Communications head Ya'acov Solan said at the founding conference of private telecommunications suppliers that the government should allow private entrepreneurs to compete freely with Bezek.

The private companies supplied data communications, cable TV broadcasts, wireless communications (including cellular phones), beepers, fax services, overseas calls and satellite services. They employ 21,000 workers, compared to 10,000 people working for Bezek.

Haifa Chemicals deal gives 10% rise to workers: The Histadrut and the workers committee at Haifa Chemicals last week signed a new collective work agreement with the company's management. Under the new agreement, workers are to receive more than a 10 percent pay increase. They also agreed there will be no layoffs when the company's installations, damaged during the recent fire, are repaired.

Eliyahu Insurance reports 184% growth in net profits

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ELIYAHU Insurance company reported a 184 percent growth in net profits last year to NIS 5.39 million from NIS 1.9m.

The sharp rise was mainly due to the growth in earnings from non-life insurance. Total premiums from these activities increased 137% to NIS 237.6m.

Company chairman Shlomo Eliyahu said the sharp rise in premiums was due to tariffs which were about 15% lower than prevailing market prices.

He said most insurance companies charge high tariffs in the non-life insurance sector to compensate for losses incurred as a result of strong competition in previous years.

Eliyahu's net profits from non-life insurance increased to NIS 8.6m. from NIS 602,000. The company also reported a significant rise in number of claims to NIS 134m. from NIS 47m.

Management and commission expenses rose to NIS 81m. from NIS 40m.

Eliyahu said profits from life insurance activities fell to NIS 1.16m. from NIS 6.7m. Total premiums from these activities rose to NIS 43m. from NIS 38m. Earnings from investments in life insurance increased to NIS 17.25m. from NIS 16.36m.

The fall in earnings from the life insurance portfolio was blamed on a rise in reserves against kibbutzim's life insurance and expenses associated with infrastructure.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (4.4.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	3.125	3.500	4.000
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.750	3.875	4.125
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.625	4.625	4.875
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.125	3.000	3.000
Yen (10 million yen)	0.625	0.625	0.750

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (31.3.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.1520	3.2370	—	—	3.2191
U.S. dollar	2.9449	2.9864	2.89	3.03	2.9890
German mark	1.7618	1.7867	1.73	1.81	1.7784
Pound sterling	4.3658	4.4273	4.27	4.48	4.4075
French franc	0.5165	0.5237	0.50	0.53	0.5206
Japanese yen (100)	2.8647	2.9051	2.81	2.95	2.8845
Dutch florin	1.5673	1.5894	1.54	1.61	1.5827
Swiss franc	2.0801	2.1195	2.05	2.15	2.1012
Swedish krona	0.3757	0.3812	0.37	0.39	0.3782
Norwegian krone	0.4051	0.4108	0.40	0.42	0.4087
Danish krone	0.4480	0.4543	0.44	0.46	0.4522
Finnish mark	0.5393	0.5469	0.53	0.55	0.5440
Canadian dollar	2.1272	2.1572	2.09	2.19	2.1457
Australian dollar	2.0958	2.0950	2.00	2.12	2.0826
S. African rand	0.8466	0.8586	0.75	0.86	0.8548
Belgian franc (10)	0.8560	0.8681	0.84	0.88	0.8633
Austrian schilling (10)	2.5048	2.5399	2.46	2.58	2.5289
Italian lira (1000)	1.8298	1.8556	1.79	1.89	1.8442
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.07	4.32	4.2011
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	0.90	0.8907
ECU	3.3848	3.4427	—	—	3.4290
Irish punt	4.2112	4.2706	4.11	4.37	4.2629
Spanish peseta (100)	2.1654	2.1959	2.10	2.26	2.1816

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	...NIS 2.9690	--.--%
Sterling	......NIS 4.4075	--.--%
Mark	.........NIS 1.7784	--.--%

APM says production index still going up

TEMPE, Ariz. (Reuter) - The National Association of Purchasing Management said yesterday that its manufacturing index rose for the seventh month in a row in March, as the number of businesses reporting improved activity was the highest since last October.

The group of purchasing managers also said that the overall economy grew at the same strong pace in March as in February.

The association said it's manufacturing index increased to 56.7 last month, up slightly from 56.6 in February.

"The economy continued to grow in March, stabilizing at about the same rate of growth as in February," said Robert Bretz, chairman of the National Association of Purchasing Management's Business Survey Committee.

"Weather-related problems, which plagued supplier deliveries and production in February, faded away in March," he said.

It was the latest sign of a strengthening economy, following a report from the U.S. Labor Department Friday that a whopping 456,000 jobs were created last month, while the unemployment rate was steady. The growth in new jobs in March was the highest in 6½ years in the first official report on the economy's progress for the month.

The purchasing managers also reported steady improvement in the economy in March. Bretz said that continued strong growth of orders and very low inventories "should sustain solid economic growth for the immediate future."

The purchasing managers' report showed a slight easing of price pressures, although it had little impact in a bond market already rattled by two credit-tightening moves by the Federal Reserve the past two months. The purchasing managers' price component, which gauges inflationary pressures, fell to 64.2 from 67.0, as the pace of price increases slowed from the level in February and January.

It said that of the 20 manufacturing industries, 14 reported an improvement over February, the largest number since October 1993.

New orders edged up slightly while the backlog of orders was higher for the sixth straight month, maintaining the rate of growth seen in February, the association said.

The group's inventory index plunged to 41.4 percent from 44.4 percent in February, its lowest since December 1991 when it stood at 39%. But the association noted that purchasers were still cautious, as they continued to resist building inventories.

The association said its production index surged to 64.0 in March from 58.7 in February, mirroring weather-related problems.

GM may build new minicar in the US

DETROIT (Reuter) - General Motors may build a new European-style minicar in the United States, according to a report published yesterday.

Sources at GM told *Automotive News* the new car would be designed by GM's Adam Opel subsidiary and GM's Lansing Automotive Division, which supervises small car production.

The car, which would be smaller than any model currently offered by GM, would be built at GM's Wilmington, Delaware plant. The factory was slated to close in 1996, but last week GM said it is thinking about building a new vehicle there.

GM officials were not immediately available to comment on the report, but last week the automaker said the new vehicle that is currently under consideration for Wilmington would be an entirely new product.

Automotive News said the study is expected to be completed in November.

Minicars, which are smaller than subcompact models like the Geo Metro that are sold in the United States, are popular in Europe, where fuel costs are three to six times higher than in the United States. GM does not have a minicar in its lineup right now.

According to the Detroit-based trade publication, the new car would be sold on four continents and serve as a replacement for the Pontiac LeMans in the United States.

If GM approves the minicar program, the plant's 2,800 workers would avoid layoffs, providing the company could come to terms with the United Auto Workers Union on new work rules.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FrstIntW1	1869	9.7
FrstIntW2	8000	
General	11783	
IndDevBK	41747	
IndDevDD		
IndDevG	14198	
IndDvGG	846100	
IndDvGG1	847581	
IndDvPrD		
LeumiW1		
MaritC	220	-0.5
OHH	235728	
Trade	923	0.5
TradeC	234	

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	450804	-1.5
Carmel	821	
CarmC3	345	-8.7
DevMB	21921	-3.0
FirstMB	40102	-2.2
IndepMB	93034	
J lamC	135.00	
J lamW	254	
JernBnk	434	
LeumiMBR	95438	2.2
MishkanC	186.00	
Mizrav	18477	-9.0
TefahotB	176073	
TefahotR	183846	

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shiton	9197	

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
Ararat	2122	
Ayalon	1782	-0.7
AyalonC	988	
Eltan	383	-4.0
EltanC1	214	-4.9
Hadar1	1702	1.0
Hadar5	1608	
HamishmrC	284	5.6
Hamishmr1	2336	
Hamishmr5	2045	3.5
Menorah1	1711	
Menorah5	1533	2.0
Phoenix1	4872	-1.5
Phoenix5	4761	-3.0
Sahar	760	-0.3
Zion5	12132	-1.0

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Assuta	1376	
AssutaC1	284	-2.1
Baran	2883	-5.5
BezeiW2	347	
BndWthC1	130.00	0.4
BndWthC2	127.50	
BondWth1 L	5187	2.2
Cbg0.1	122129	5.0
ClalCmpC	442	-1.6
ClalTW5	1030	2.5
CorBeach	2837	-2.0
CoOp	1052	1.0
Crystal	4810	2.0
DanHotl	2867	-2.0
DCL	1100	-4.3
DCLW	628	-0.8
Elad	265	-0.4
Feldman	504	1.4
GenHadar	370	-2.9
GenHadC	207	
GlisgG2	204	0.5
GranitC1	128.00	-1.8
GranitW2	187.50	
HGllC1	142.00	7.6
HGllW1	583	-1.2
HGll1	7136	
Ingama1	8289	0.3
Ingama5	5586	-0.7
Iscal	3180	-2.0
Lirsz	2319	
Mafil	1290	-0.2
Medtech	573	
MedtechW	1391	1.0
MLLC1	249	10.2
Repac	3405	-2.2
Reshef	307	-1.0
ReshefC1	133.00	
Team	6625	0.5
TeamC1	375	3.6
TeamC2		
Telsys	1582	-1.2
Topline	685	-3.0
YasaC1	148.50	-2.0
Yesna	1502	-0.3
Yeda1	1201	-0.2
Yona	1194	

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
AckersC	169.00	3.0
AcklndC	441	0.5
AdecomC2	173.00	-1.4
Alony	475	-4.0
AlonyW1	86.50	-16.8
Alumkt1L	14895	-0.3
Angel	15423	
Argaman	18672	-8.9
AryiC1	138.50	-0.4
Ashply	2924	
Ashplyc1	178.00	-0.8
AshplyW2	2279	0.5
AshtmW1	14.00	-10.8
Ashtrom	661	1.3
Azmon	1008	
AzmonW1	504	-4.7
Azmuth	864	-2.0
Belmon	836	-0.9
BoulosC1	228	1.8
Cables C2	458	
CablesC3	129.00	-0.8
CablesW3	878	-4.0
Caraline	1294	-0.5
Cargal	1580	-3.8
Castro	1856	
Charm	910	
CharmW1	125.00	
ClalSoC	365	0.3
ClalStr0.1	2994	-3.5
Clnd C8	200	-2.0
CycloneW	11724	-0.2
Cyclone1	20654	1.3
Cyclone5	14798	
CyclonC1	178.50	
CyclonC2	191.50	7.9
Defronol	181.00	
DefronW2	2277	
Defron1	4010	
Decsion	1320	-0.2
Degem1	1725	-0.2
Delta 1	2181	0.5
Delta3	2097	
DubekB	20065	
DubekR	20017	-2.0
EagleC	160.00	
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	35.60	
Eagle1	92.00	
Edger	621	0.5
EdgarC2	144.00	0.3
EldenTec	183.50	
ElbitW1	25115	-3.0
Elcoind	4633	
Elcoms	2317	
ElconW1	542	-3.2
ElecrG4	339	1.2
ElteC	276	0.4
EshdRbto	1625	-1.0
Evrei	898	1.5
Fertile5	2687	1.0
Fenix0.1	3076	
FeuchtW1	4078	
FeuchtW5	3032	
Five J	981	-2.0
FrutarC1	188.50	
FrutarC2	171.50	1.2
GiborC1	117.50	0.9
GiborSeb	5241	
GiborW2	1248	
Hamesh1	24696	3.2
Hamesh5	21998	
Hatahof1	574	-4.8
Hatahof5	484	-1.0
Hod	443	7.5
Holtz	397	
IsrCan1	2721	
Jet-ora	806	-4.0
Kedem	6641	-5.0
KedemC2	187.50	0.8
Keter	523	
KitanC1	140.50	1.1
KitanW1		
Klil5	2282	1.7
Lapid	5086	-0.3
Lodzia1	2502	-2.0
Lodzia4	1981	-1.0
LahotGal	504	
MacFeil	740	0.5
MacFelW1	33.00	-5.2
Magam	577	
Maoma1	2486	
Maoma5	2291	
Mei Eden	1150	3.2
Modgal	867	-2.0
Mozaica1	1320	-0.2
Mozaica5	1240	3.0
NegCeram	552	-0.2
Nehustn1	1498	-1.0
Nehustn5	1268	7.3
Neviot	1398	-3.5
NeviotW1	17.80	-64.3
Nice1	2547	4.0
NMC	538	
Ofis	1380	4.2
Ophir	413	-0.2
Orbit1	709	-1.0
Ortlas	467	
PackerW2	15762	-5.0
Pargod	2882	3.2
PazChen	888	-1.2
Pika	887	
PolgatA	585	1.3
PolgatC1	187.50	-0.3
PolgatW3	287	
Polygon	1338	
PolygonC	162.50	
PCB	1065	0.3
Rabintex	1601	
RabinxW	882	6.3
Rogosin	4367	
Santkol1	1315	
Sano1	1929	
Sano5	1733	-0.2
Selan	982	-0.2
Shemen	21714	1.0
Spectrnx	729	-1.5
Steel	183.00	2.2
Sunfrost	12133	
Tasi	108492	0.3
Tadiran	1299	-2.0
TadirC	296	0.3
Tedea	1094	
Tempo1	1852	-9.8
Tiv	1084	4.7
Tobias1	606	-5.0
Topper	412	-0.7
TATC1	343	-1.7
TAT1	1862	
Unibar1	1765	
Unibar5	748	
Vitalgo1	603	
Vulcan	276	1.8
VulcanC	158.50	
Wardinon	27284	0.2
WardinW3	16509	-5.0
YtongC2	421	-1.9
Zahavi	487	-3.9
Zika1	1886	
Zika5	1888	
Zikit1	5370	2.0
Zikit5	4692	
ZionCab1	1870	-0.5
Zoharind	1219	-3.5

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
Alrov	2599	0.7
AlrovC		
AlrovW1L	1480	-1.0
Arazim	598	-0.8
Arazim C1	180.00	
Ariadan1	1483	
Asia	3083	-0.6
AssraC4	222	
AssisW2	1513	-17.0
AzorprC1	272	1.5
AzorprW3	142.50	1.4
AzorProp	898	-0.3
Barano1	2100	-0.2
Bayside5	25982	1.2
BaysidC1	30877	
BenYaKar	6255	
BenYaKrW1	2297	-2.5
BenYharC	104.00	
BdgRes	7070	
CohenDev	1128	-1.2
Contrctr	3954	-3.5
DenKner	2075	2.0
DenKnerC	175.00	
Derpd1	431	
Dunbar	9038	8.0
DunbarCw	863	
Engel	970	-0.2
GoldHous	330	6.1
GldHousC	180.50	
Hilton	638	0.9
HiltonW4	482	
Ispro	2920	-5.0
Israiom	2081	-0.2
IsraiomC	218	
IsraiomW	2324	
IsraelC1	228	8.6
Israel0.5	7982	-2.8
Israe1	5787	0.5
ICP5	30143	
Jaysour1	623	2.0
Jordan	577	-0.5
LazC1	135.00	-1.1
LazickW1	198.00	
Laznick	624	0.3
Udshe1	380	
Lilenis5	346	6.1
Lumir1	8010	
MalibuC		
MalibuC2	119.00	0.4
Malibu1	1736	
MarLarC	233	-0.4
MarLarC2	140.50	10.2
MerLarW3	1018	-3.0
Minrav	13143	
Mishmel	375	-6.0
MTM	4002	-0.2
NeotAviv	2193	-0.8
PriOr	6775	-3.0
RadSea	828	
Rogovin1L	1622	
Rogovin5	1539	5.8
Rosam	888	3.5
SaharHist		
Secom	434	0.9
Shaked	1111	0.7
Tashluz	1320	

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Ackers1	1698	
Ackers2	1606	-0.5
AlrarC	598	2.0
Ampa	233106	-0.5
Arad	13198	
Azr aC2	318	
ClalW3	4281	-3.0
Clal50	8698	-2.0
DanbarC	274	1.9
Danbar1	4898	6.2
Ellem	5065	0.3
Emeh	534	-0.9
ExportC4	370	
EzraC1	802	-1.6
Gaheist	11151	-3.0
Hiron5	8562	-8.0
IDLC8	219	-0.5
Karclan1	880	
KardanG2		
Ktal	1227	2.3
Magor1	3313	2.2
Magor5	3481	
Molett	1170	-0.8
Ocif	9016	-1.0
OcifC1	131.50	-0.8
OcifW1	5553	2.2
Ofer	25637	-3.2
Parna0.1	1911	
Rim1	645	
Rim4	559	-7.8
SaharDev	3877	
Securit	4505	-2.3
SecuritC	136.00	0.4
SecurW	1809	-1.5
TayaC	341	4.3
TaurC1	178.00	
TaurSHmr	132.50	
TzurW3	122.00	
Unico	7423	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
JoelC1	198	
JoelC1A	208	
MGN1	58104	0.3

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Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Atlan	3202	
AtlanW1	2452	
Comtec	707	
Delin1	32.10	-3.0
Denel	1644	1.0
Daniy	7931	6.3
Data	2918	
Eltech	933	
Greenbrg	1588	-2.0
ILOCHOT	986	
Kind	315	-1.8
Kopel	718	-0.7
KopelC1	182.50	
MZPK	891	4.8
Nirun1	800	-0.2
TrendLin	2298	

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
Adler	275	
Caesrea1	10754	
Gazit	1073	
GazitW1	791	3.5
GazitC1	371	0.8
LibHtech	359	10.1
Livnatn1	1154	
Melisron	1286	-1.0
Oz	283	2.2
Rasco	4294	
Scanda	10984	
ScandaC	143.00	-1.0
UnicomG1	144.00	
Unicom1	290	-5.2
Unicom5	344	-5.2
UnicomW3	192.50	-0.8

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
Adumim1	452	-4.0
Bar—Ton1	3514	
Baruch1	1874	
Baruch5	1060	2.5
Brosh1	797	-0.5
Doctor	6859	-1.5
Ettam	374	
Gall	136.50	
Hamen	3317	
Kadmany1	776	
King1	1239	-8.8
Lubsh1	4309	
ManC1	164.50	-0.3
Man1	519	-2.3
MLT	1879	
Neca	30636	-4.0
NecaG1	194.00	
Ohosab	1021	
Orant	563	-3.0
OrantC	129.50	-0.4
OrdePrnt	1270	5.2
Pollak1	2268	
Shladot	683	
Taste	1614	-1.0
TibnvlG1		

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Binyan	205212	
Mirage	236	
MivtakG1		
Optima	513	-1.5
Regent1	463	-1.5
Yasum	213	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
DKOEx1	6900	
Naphtha	24.70	-3.1

Two-sided trading

	AFTERNOON			MORNING		
Name	Price	% Change	Volume Shares	Price	% Change	Volume Shares
Abjac	90.5	-3.0	575000	90.0	-3.7	197477
Acker In	953			953		14269
Adecom	1247		13300	1247		28750
Atris 0.	446100	0.7	414	442779		145
Afrisr	420389	0.5	190	418298		210
Agan	4295	0.7	10000	4253		1218
Agis	3452	0.2	3500	3443		6025
Alliance	1955	5.5	32500	1950	5.2	13634
Aryt	1120	-1.7	2150	1117	-2.0	26157
Avner	20.8	-2.5	1297000	21.0	-1.4	2619944
Azorim	4937	-0.2	12500	4912	-0.7	10323
AIPM	11792	-1.7	360	11792	-1.7	458
Bezek	673	-1.5	262800	674	-1.3	114130
Boulo	365	-0.2	24480	366		54328
Cables	2237	-1.7	22500	2231	-2.0	9879
Clal Com	46584	-3.7	50	46342	-4.3	74
Clal Ele	42742	-3.5	2100	42963	-3.0	2385
Clal Tra	1810	1.7	187500	1775	-0.2	85739
Clal 10	9822	-1.0	6500	9747	-1.8	5936
Clalins	1780	-1.2	13500	1776	-1.5	8319
Cldstr 5	3022	-2.0	800	3022	-2.0	14875
Clinds	1973	-2.2	44850	2003	-0.7	57763
Danbar 5	3846	5.0	67200	4029	10.0	28748
Dead Sea	1194		23100	1179	-1.3	8377
Delek	6992	-0.7	16450	6392	-0.8	10229
DiscInv	23619	-1.5	7110	23619	-1.5	2044
Elbit	35169	-2.5	4200	35350	-2.0	1897
Elco	8868	2.5	5500	8563	1.3	1137
Elctr 0.	10252	2.2	3250	10026		1730
Elite 5	1467		30600	1445	-1.5	21180
Elron	15749	-2.0	4200	15949	-0.8	1475
Evergr n..	5489	-2.7	14850	5475	-3.0	5378
Export	2249	-0.5	5000	2260		7693
Fibi	58457	-1.2	1840	58457	-1.3	615
Formula	3808	-1.2	4200	3798	-1.5	5142
Frstint1	38501		660	38116	-1.0	235
Frstint5	35172	-1.0	140	35172	-1.0	275
Frutarom	888	-2.0	12000	888	-2.0	44929
Golan	1781	0.5	14500	1768	-0.2	28907
Granit	616	-2.0	3800	616	-2.1	31348
Hapoalm	404	-0.2	488220	404	-0.2	258331
Hapolm	14523	-1.0	3240	14670		4599
IndBldg	465	-1.2	24500	465	-1.3	91580
Isramco	24.0	1.2	8645000	23.9	0.8	6008708
IsrCorp1	39563	-1.7	900	39865	-1.0	850
IsrCorp5	36631	-1.2	560	36724	-1.0	1214
IsChem	222	-0.7	254400	221	-1.3	162754
IDB	1272	-0.2	132000	1275		62723
IDBDev	70494	-1.5	480	70673	-1.3	768
ILDC	2353	1.5	136640	2318		24820
JEC	1742	-2.0	96600	1765	-0.7	46985
JOEL	387	1.0	182900	383		147244
Kardan5	827	-0.7	48000	833		58671
Kitan	1140		47300	1140		30409
Klill	2589	2.0	900	2544	0.2	1697
Koor	24191	-1.0	7800	24252	-0.7	6444
Leumi	353	-0.2	2204400	352	-0.6	389122
LeumiW2	46.1	-2.0	568000	46.5	-1.1	584389
Makhtesh	1584	-1.7	16500	1600	-0.7	14983
Malibu5	1799	3.5	18000	1781	2.5	15060
Maman	748	-1.5		748	-1.4	7135
Marit1	3116		2400	3116		8061
Mashov	1045	-1.0	4400	1045	-1.0	11301
Mehadrin	18946	1.0	4500	18758		1013
MeirEzra	7679	-4.7	21600	8062		23657
Mishkan	37499	0.5	600	37499	0.5	1477
Mivtah	2584	-1.5	5400	2570	-1.3	12251
Multlock	1911	2.0	35000	1874		16175
MGN5	49162	0.2	495	49039		103
MLL1	914	5.5	70200	901	4.0	45325
National	2712	-2.2	28000	2746	-1.0	29251
NatoilDS	86.0	-2.5	26000	86.0	-2.3	227917
Ormat	1113	-3.0	81000	1124	-2.0	61697
Osem	2016	-1.0	9600	2016	-1.0	4769
OsemW1	664	-1.0	16000	668	-0.4	35838
PazoilEx	288	-1.2	62400	289	-1.0	99302
Pecker	19807	1.0	2880	19611		2794
Periclas	2470	4.5	235000	2399	1.5	4124
Patrchem	690	-1.7	28000	684	-2.6	17736
Piryon	22937	-1.5	1440	23170	-0.5	4633
PoalimW2	53.5	-5.5	532000	55.5	-1.8	1111459
PolgatB	588		9000	586		55399
Poseidon	295	-5.0	205800	302	-2.9	179191
SelaPump	200	-3.5	208000	204	-1.4	182473
SupersIB	5605	-1.0	4785	5605	-1.0	8986
Tambour	913	-1.0	5400	913	-1.0	9836
Teva	74550	-1.2	8900	75494		3728
TevaC	418	0.2	61100	421	1.0	46471
Tibnveal	1027	-4.7	67000	1091	1.2	43639
TAT5	868	-1.7	23400	881	-2.5	17695
Urdan 0.	489	0.7	30000	485		50252
Yaad	1574	-1.0		1574	-1.0	8522
Ytong	1010	-2.0	11250	1010	-2.0	97517
4Wtfan 0	145072	-0.5	18	145436	-0.3	164

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Rumor mill, NYSE troubles keep market on the skids

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ANDRE LUMBROSO

Two Sided Index	Maof Index	Karam Index
210.20	205.91	248.54
-0.88%	-1.26%	-0.27%

DECLINES continued to be the order of the day on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

The Two-Sided Index declined 0.9 percent and the Maof dropped 1.3%, while the Karam Index declined only 0.3%.

Turnover was low at NIS 188 million.

Two factors were behind the declines.

The sharp declines in Wall Street has investors troubled.

The Dow Jones Index fell 1.8% yesterday during the first two hours of trading, with sharper declines on the over-the-counter market.

Another factor is that traders were discussing the possibility the Securities Authority will arrest more people connected with the stock market. The authority is keeping quiet on its intentions, and this is adding to the general nervousness.

There were also rumors that the reports of arrests were actually spread by people interested in seeing the market fall, apparently having invested heavily in put options.

The low turnover is a clear indication that the big boys are staying out of the market.

Part of the reason is reportedly that each bank's provident funds are busy learning the asset structure of the other banks' provident funds.

Once the data is digested, they will start trading again.

As a whole, the decline in the Maof was sharper than that of the Two-Sided, again indicating as on Sunday that investors are looking for bargains among the mid-sized companies traded on the Two-Sided.

MLL, Periclase and Alliance rose 5.5%, while Danbar was up 5%. There was no particular news which would have justified this renewed popularity of such shares, except maybe that they declined sharply during the recent months.

MLL Periclase and Danbar are trading for slightly more than half their all-time high.

Periclase and Danbar had among the highest turnovers on the market for the day, but they were quite low.

The renewed purchases of Alliance seem to be connected with rumors that its soon-to-be published financial reports are likely to be positive.

Elco Holdings rose 2.5% and Electra 2.3% in reaction to the purchase by Electra of a French air conditioning company.

Such a purchase seems to herald a desire by Electra to push into the European market in an organized fashion.

The Maof blue chips were generally down.

Bezek declined 1.5%, Clal Industries was down 2.2% and Clal Electronics fell 3.5% due to the fall in price recently of ECI in New York.

The daily trading in Tel Aviv could not have been influenced by the declines in New York, given the time difference.

The markets open there at 5 p.m. Israel time, so the market here was reacting to forecasts that share prices there were going to decline.

Nikkei closes 155 points lower

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

EUROPEAN stock markets were closed yesterday for the Easter Monday holiday.

TOKYO - A slide in index futures on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange helped push prices down. The absence of foreign investors due to Easter holidays and renewed tensions on the Korean peninsula accelerated the day's falls, brokers said.

The Nikkei closed down 154.94 points, or 0.80 percent, at 19,122.22 on estimated volume of only 230 million shares.

SINGAPORE - Share prices ended lower in sympathy with the weak US bond market and a lack of buying support. The 30-share Straits Times Industrials index ended at 2,039.12, down 41.78 points and off the day's high of 2,085.05.

KUALA LUMPUR - Share prices ended lower as investors, nervous about the performance of Wall Street yesterday, liquidated their holdings throughout the day.

The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange composite index ended 31.61 points lower at 928.33.

BANGKOK - Thai stocks lost ground throughout the day on political uncertainty. The SET Index closed 35.94 points lower, or 2.92%, at 1,196.59 on wafer-thin turnover. Stocks fell across the board in every sector.

SEOUL - A technical rebound centered on blue chips, asset play counters and issues with low price-to-earnings ratios pushed shares to a higher close in slow trading, brokers said.

The composite stock index ended 5.10 points, or 0.6%, higher at 860.47.

BOMBAY - Stock prices ended marginally higher on fresh buying in select cash shares. The Bombay Stock Exchange 30-share index closed 2.02 points up at a provisional 3,781.01. The 100-share national index ended 11.48 points higher at 1,841.01.

MANILA - Share prices closed lower as the market reacted to New York's decline, which investors took as a chance to take profits.

The composite index ended at 2,653.70 points against last week's 2,711.50 close.

JAKARTA - Prices closed lower in quiet trading, with the market directionless because of the holiday in Hong Kong and a lack of fresh factors.

KARACHI - Pakistani stocks plunged at the close on profit-taking by jobbers, but trading volume remained low as foreign funds and local institutions kept to the sidelines.

The Karachi Stock Exchange 100-share price index fell 62.43 points to 2,448.71.

Westinghouse signs 3 deals in Russia

PITTSBURGH (Reuter) - Westinghouse Electric Corp. said yesterday it signed electric power plant and air traffic control agreements in Russia, significantly increasing its presence in that country.

Terms of the agreements were not disclosed.

The agreements were signed with MINATOM, the Russian Ministry for Atomic Energy; RAO Rossi, the Russian power company; and BURAN, the international consortium selected by the Russian government to begin modernization of its air traffic management system.

Under the agreement with MINATOM, Westinghouse plans to establish partnerships to concentrate on the modernization and safety enhancement of operating nuclear power plants.

Westinghouse and RAO Rossi, *the world's largest utility*, will work jointly to modernize existing turbine generation equipment, repower older power stations, and develop new power projects.

Westinghouse said a memorandum of understanding signed with BURAN makes Westinghouse the consortium's lead general contractor for US and Japanese companies to begin modernization of Russia's air traffic management system. The entire project is scheduled to be a 12-year effort valued at $5 billion.

"The agreements cover three important areas which will enable Westinghouse to make significant contributions to vital sectors of the Russian economy," said Westinghouse president Gary M. Clark.

FINAL NYSE PRICES

Stock	Last close
AMR	56 1-2
ASA Ltd	42 3-4
AbtLab	26 1-8
Actava	8 1-4
AetnLf	50
Alcan	21 7-8
Aldsgnl s	38 3-8
Alcoa	72 1-8
AmHes	44 1-4
ABrand	30 3-4
AEIPw	30 1-4
AmExp	27 1-4
AGenCp	26 5-8
AHome	57 1-4
AmStrs	50 1-2
AT&T	51
Amoco	51 5-8
Anheus	52 1-4
Armco	4 3-4
Asarco	22 1-8
AshOil	40
AtlRich	93 3-4
Avon	56 1-2
BakrHu	17 3-4
BankAm	38 3-4
BankTr	69 1-4
BauschL	46 1-8
BangtB	15-16
BethStl	19 1-2
BlackD	20
Boeing	44 1-4
BoiseC	22 1-2
Borden	13
BrMySq	51 1-8
Brnwk	21 1-8
BurlNth	58 1-8
CBI	30 5-8
CBS	287 7-8
CIGNA	58 5-8
CPC	46 7-8
CSX	80 1-8
CampSp	38 5-8
CdnPc g	15 3-8
CapCts	675 1-8
Caterp	113 1-4
Ceridian	22 3-4
Chase	31 7-8
ChmBnk	35 7-8
Chevrn	83 5-8
Chiquta	17
Chryslr	51 1-2
Citicorp	37
Coastal	30 3-4
CocaCl	40 1-4
ColgPal	57 1-4
vjColGs	25 3-8
CmwE	24 1-2
Comsat s	25 3-8
ConEd	28 3-4
ConsNG	38 3-4
Corningln	32 1-2
CurtWr	35
Deere	83 5-8
DeltaAir	44 1-2
DialCp	41 5-8
Digital	29
DowCh	61 3-4

Stock	Last close
Dresser	21 5-8
DuPont	52 5-8
EKodak	44
Eaton s	56
Entergy	30 1-2
Exxon	60 3-4
FMC	46 1-2
FedNM	77 3-4
FstChic	48
Fintste	72 1-2
Flemng	24 1-2
Fluor	50
FordM	58 5-8
GTE	30 3-4
GnDyn	81 7-8
GnDyn wi	41
GenEl	98
GnMill	54
GnMotr	54 5-8
GaPac	61 1-4
Gillete	62 3-8
Gdrich	41 3-4
Goodyr s	39 1-2
Grace	40 7-8
GtAtPc	24 1-4
GtWFn	15 3-4
Halbtn	28 7-8
Heinz	32 3-4
HewlPk	81 1-8
Hmstke	21 3-8
Honda	32 1-2
Honywel	33 1-4
Housint s	29 1-8
ITT Cp	85 1-8
ITW s	39 5-8
INCO	24 1-4
IBM	53
IntFlav s	36 1-4
IntPap	68
JohnJn	36 7-8
K mart	18
Kellogg	49 5-8
KerrMc	41 1-8
Korea	19 3-8
Kroger	23 1-2
Lilly	49 3-8
Litton	28 7-8
Lockhd	72 7-8
Malinckr	31 1-2
Matsu	160
McDerl	20 1-2
McDonld	57
McDnD	105 5-8
McKes	59 1-8
Mesrx	18 3-8
Merck	29 1-8
MerLyn s	35 3-4
MMM	98
MMM wi	48 1-2
Mobil	73
Monsan	76 3-8
MorgSt	63
Morgan	60
Motorla s	101
Motorl wi	50 3-8
NL Ind	6 3-8

Stock	Last close
Navistr s	21 1-2
NflkSo	63
OcciPet	15 3-4
Olin	47
PacGE	28 1-2
PacTel	51
ParCom	40 1-2
Penney	53 7-8
PepsiC	36 1-4
Pfizer	53 1-2
PhelpD	52 1-8
PhilMr	49 3-8
PhilPet	27 1-4
PionrEl	23 1-2
Polaroid	31 5-8
ProctGm	52 1-2
QuakrO	62 1-2
RalsRP	37 3-4
Raythn	63 5-8
ReyMtl	45 1-2
Rockwl	39 1-8
RoylD	97 1-2
Salomn	47 5-8
SaraLee	21 5-8
SchrPl	55 3-4
Schlmb	53 1-4
ScottP	41
Sears s	44 1-4
SmtBc eq	24 3-8
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U.S. drug chains Revco, Hook-SupeRx to merge

TWINSBURG, Ohio (Reuter) - Revco D.S. Inc will acquire Hook-SupeRx in a $600 million merger that will create the second largest drug-store chain in the United States, the companies said yesterday.

The stock of Hook-SupeRx soared $3.75 to $12.875 on the New York Stock Exchange at midday. Revco, based in Twinsburg, Ohio, fell 25 cents to $16.125.

Hook-SupeRx, based in in Cincinnati, Ohio, has nearly 1,200 outlets operating as Hook's, SupeRx and Brooks drug stores. It had sales of $2.3 billion over the past year. Revco, which operates in nine eastern states, said the combined entity would have 2,371 stores and annual sales of $4.7 billion.

The combined company will be *second only to Rite Aid Corp* in terms of the number of stores, according to Chain Drug Review, a trade publication.

Revco also said that in addition to the acquired stores, it plans to open 53 new stores by the end of its fiscal year in May.

Under the definitive agreement, Revco will acquire all outstanding Hook-SupeRx shares for $13.75 each as well as the company's debt.

Stockholders with 49 percent of Hook SupeRx shares favour the deal, the companies said.

Revco said it is evaluating a definitive financing package. Banque Paribas SA and Continental Bank have agreed to fund Revco's purchase of Hook-SupeRx.

Dow plunges 42 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market plunged yesterday in volatile trading, depressed by another sharp rise in interest rates. Share prices, however, ended above their worst levels of the session.

Twice the NYSE exchange's so-called "uptick" rule was triggered, placing restrictions on a form of computerized trading known as index arbitrage.

In addition, another of the so-called sidecar procedures that gives small investors preferential treatment in selling stocks was also implemented. That circuit breaker, last used on Oct. 5, 1992, takes effect when the primary futures contract on the Standard and Poors 500 Stock Index falls 12 points.

In afternoon trading, investors responded to another sharp drop in bond prices and corresponding rise in interest rates that followed a relatively calm morning of only modest losses in treasury prices.

Earlier, investors sold in response to Friday's two-point drop in bond prices and a Labor Department report showing a stronger than expected rise in employment in March. The stock market was closed for the holiday on Friday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, the best-known barometer of the market's health, lost nearly 139 points last week, or 4 percent.

Bond prices were tumbling amid speculation the Federal Reserve might seize on Friday's strong employment report to raise interest rates for the third time this year.

Stocks investors don't like to see interest rates rise because that makes share prices less appealing.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 42.61 points to 3,593.35.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 6 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 371 up, 2,124 down and 320 unchanged.

Big Board volume totaled 342.86 million shares as of 4 p.m. (2000 GMT), against 398.59 million in the previous session.

New French law could create 250,000 jobs

PARIS (Reuter) - French Labor Minister Michel Giraud said on Monday a new youth employment subsidy, designed to replace a discredited wage cut for young people, could create up to 250,000 jobs.

Giraud, in an interview with RTL radio, also forecast that the total jobless figure would stop rising soon.

Conservative Prime Minister Edouard Balladur last week scrapped a measure allowing employers to pay young people below the minimum wage on short-term training contracts, which had sparked a month of nationwide street protests.

"I think between 200,000 and 250,000 subsidies for a first job is a reasonable objective over a full year," Giraud said.

The wage law, aimed at fighting 25 percent youth unemployment, was replaced by a subsidy to firms hiring young people with no work experience.

"This will enable young people to enter the job market more easily. They will be offered a job which they would not have obtained otherwise or which they would not have been offered for another six months," Giraud said.

The government will now give companies FFr1,000 ($170) a month for the first nine months for each first-time job-seeker employed for at least 18 months. The amount is doubled for any young person employed before October 1.

Mac. Tel Aviv wins State Cup

JOEL GORDIN

MACCABI Tel Aviv took the basketball State Cup for the 28th time last night, beating Hapoel Tel Aviv 64-53 in a hard-fought, high-standard derby final at Yad Eliyahu.

More than 9,000 spectators saw President Weizman award the cup and winners' medals to the victors, who are well set to achieve the "double" this year. They finished the league seven points ahead of Hapoel which is ranked second. The Final Four playoffs start on Thursday.

Hapoel coach Zvi Sherf caught Maccabi off-guard by opening with bench-warmers Roy Shledesky and Shimon Amsalem, primarily to soak up the early fouls. Hapoel's tight man-to-man defense did not allow Maccabi to play the running game at which it excels and it was Hapoel which dictated the pace of the game.

However, Hapoel was unable to translate this advantage into points, mainly due to poor shooting from both Tomer Steinhauer and David Thirdkill. Two excellent steals and a brilliant three-pointer by Motti Daniel took Maccabi to the halftime mark ahead 31-27.

Maccabi started the second half on fire. Cast-iron defense was met by coordinated attack and, with Daniel and Doron Jamchee leading the scoring spree, Maccabi went ahead 45-33. However, Steinhauer finally found his shooting form and his quick six points in a row brought Hapoel back into the game (52-49) with seven minutes to go. From there, Hapoel made a number of spirited efforts to even things up, but each time the team came close to Maccabi's score, a bad mistake sent Maccabi back in the lead.

With two minutes to go, Maccabi was 58-53 ahead and the capacity crowd rose to its feet expecting a thrilling end. However, Hapoel folded in a series of losses of possession and defensive lapses and Guy Goodes scored six points at the end to drive home the win.

For Maccabi, a superb Daniel scored 16 points, a disappointing Alexis 13 with Jamchee and Goodes adding 11 each. For Hapoel, David Thirdkill made 13, Steinhauer 12 and Nanad Markovic 11.

In the curtain-raiser, Elitzur Holon won the women's State Cup for the 14th time, easily beating Elitzur Ramla 92-74. Holon captain Orly grossman scored 24, veteran Anat Dreiger 20 and Limor Mizrahi 15.

Portland beats Nets to make playoffs

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) – Portland clinched its 11th straight playoff berth Sunday as Clyde Drexler hit five free throws in the final 26 seconds, leading the Trail Blazers to a 109-105 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Drexler scored 25 of his 34 points in the second half as the Trail Blazers rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to beat the Nets for the fourth straight time.

Drexler's biggest points came with 26 seconds to go when he hit two free throws after being fouled by P.J. Brown on a scramble for a loose ball. That put the Trail Blazers ahead 104-102.

Derrick Coleman scored 29 points and Anderson 25 for the Nets. Strickland had 18 points for Portland, which has made the playoffs 16 of 17 years.

Bulls 96, Pistons 93

Scottie Pippen had 26 points, nine rebounds and nine assists as Chicago held off a late Detroit rally for its fourth straight victory.

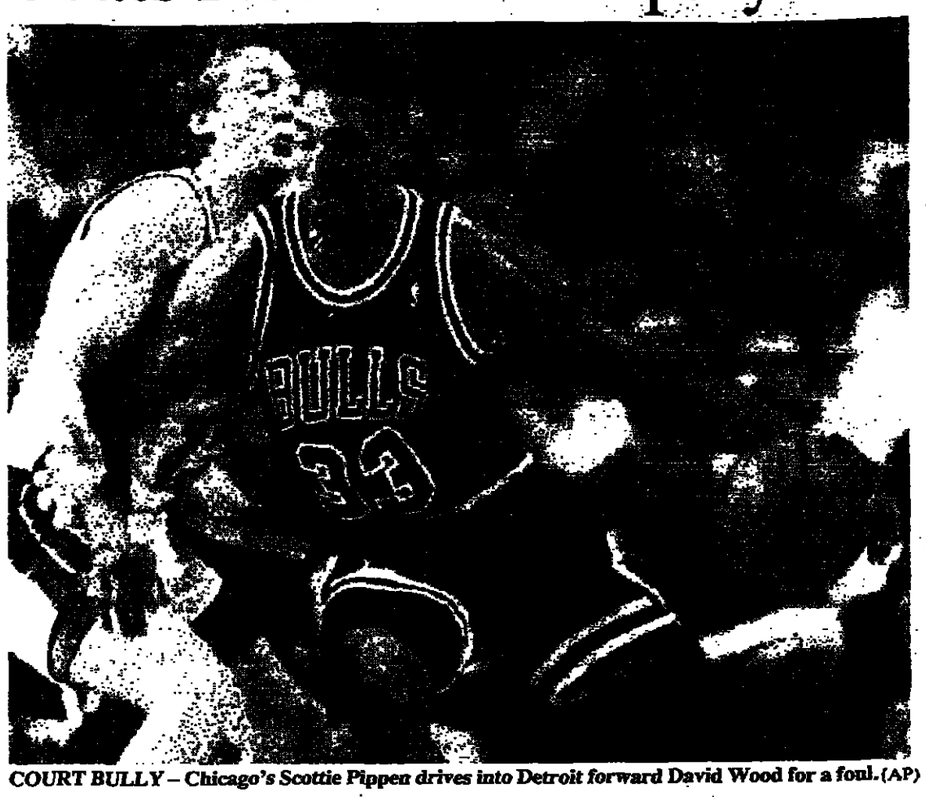
Isiah Thomas scored 17 points and Cadillac Anderson grabbed 15 rebounds for the Pistons, who were outscored 25-6 from the free-throw line. The victory gave the Bulls a sweep of the five-game season series with the Pistons and was Chicago's seventh straight against Detroit over the last two seasons.

Pippen, who had 10 points in the third quarter, hit a pair of free throws in the final seconds to send the Bulls into the fourth quarter with a 76-63 advantage.

Rockets 106, Clippers 98

Hakeem Olajuwon had 39 points, 11 rebounds and six blocked shots as Houston beat host Los Angeles for the eighth straight time and completed its second consecutive season sweep.

Sunday's results:
Chicago 96, Detroit 93
Portland 109, New Jersey 105
Houston 106, LA Clippers 98
Boston 135, Philadelphia 112
LA Lakers 102, Atlanta 89
Phoenix 108, Denver 98



COURT BULLY – Chicago's Scottie Pippen drives into Detroit forward David Wood for a foul. (AP)

Man. Utd stays 3 points clear of Blackburn

LONDON (Reuter) – Manchester United stayed three points clear of Blackburn Rovers in the race for the English title when both sides scored contrasting victories in local derbies yesterday.

United, beaten 2-0 by Blackburn on Saturday, pulled off a far-from-convincing 3-2 victory over Oldham at Old Trafford, while Blackburn pushed Everton even closer to relegation with an emphatic 3-0 win at Goodison Park.

With both sides having six matches to play, Manchester United moved on to 79 points and Blackburn 76. Newcastle, which was held to a 0-0 draw at home by Chelsea, is third on 65 points.

It was a bad day for most of the clubs at the wrong end of the table. Tottenham and Southampton joined Everton and Oldham as the day's big losers, with Tottenham going down 4-1 at home to West Ham and Southampton, which, with bottom-placed Swindon is beginning to look doomed, losing 1-0 at home to fellow-strugglers Manchester City.

Sheffield United picked up a point in a 1-1 home draw with Arsenal to stretch its unbeaten run to eight games, although it is still in 20th place.

Leeds scored a big victory, winning 4-0 at Queen's Park Rangers although play was held up when around 200 angry QPR fans stormed onto the pitch seconds before halftime.

The fans were protesting over the way chairman Richard Thompson has been running the club and staged a sit-in on the halfway line which took more than 15 minutes to clear.

Tottenham, like Everton, is usually involved in the race for honors, but like Everton, the London side is now deeply involved in the fight to avoid the drop.

The club seemed to be pulling away from danger with wins at Everton and Norwich in the last week, but was thrust straight back into the mire by losing 4-1 at home to West Ham, which is now five points clear of its London rivals.

Two goals from Trevor Morley, who nearly joined Tottenham on transfer deadline day on March 24, and others from Steve Jones and Mike Marsh gave West Ham the points.

There was another crucial relegation clash at Southampton, which went into the game against Manchester City without a win for six matches. Ninety minutes later, their winless streak was extended to seven as German substitute Stefan Karl eased City's relegation worries with the only goal of the game two minutes from time.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Aston Villa, 0 Norwich 0; Everton 0, Blackburn 3; Ipswich 0, Coventry 2; Manchester United 3, Oldham 2; Newcastle 0, Chelsea 0; Queens Park Rangers 0, Leeds 4; Sheffield United 1, Arsenal 1; Southampton 0, Manchester City 1; Tottenham 1 West Ham 4; Wimbledon 1, Liverpool 1.

DIVISION ONE: Barnsley 0, Notts County 3; Bolton 1, Portsmouth 1; Grimsby 2, Luton 0; Nottingham Forest 0, Bristol City 0; Oxford 4, Wolves 0; Stoke 1, Charlton 0.

DIVISION TWO: Bradford 1, Brentford 0; Bristol Rovers 3, Wrexham 1; Burnley 5, Barnet 0; Cardiff 2, Huddersfield 2; Exeter 0, Cambridge United 5; Fulham 1, Plymouth 1; Hartlepool 0, Hull 1; Leyton Orient 2, Port Vale 3; York 2, Blackpool 1.

DIVISION THREE: Chesterfield 1, Scunthorpe 1; Colchester 1, Scarborough 2; Crewe 2, Carlisle 3; Darlington 1, Doncaster 3; Gillingham 2, Chester 2; Lincoln 0, Shrewsbury 1; Preston 1, Northampton 1; Rochdale 2, Wycombe 2.

Mac. Haifa-Mac. TA 'grudge match' center of State Cup action

ORI LEWIS

SOCCER fans' eyes will be turned to Kiryat Eliezer this evening as Maccabi Haifa takes on Maccabi Tel Aviv in the last of four major clashes between the two top teams of the season, this time in the State Cup.

National League leaders Haifa and second-placed Tel Aviv will face off in the last-16 stage of the State Cup, a clash which everybody, including the local police, are taking more seriously than ever.

The taunts between the two clubs' managements, players and supporters, have over the past weeks reached fever pitch, with the height of tension coming after Tel Aviv's Meir Melika's tackle with Haifa's Roman Petz, in which the latter broke his leg in the last match between the two clubs three weeks ago.

The charges and insults thrown from both camps would probably have subsided had it not been for today's match.

But Haifa police have promised to be out in full force to prevent any violence.

The match kicks off at 6 pm, but unlike the last three meetings between the two sides, this one will not be televised live.

Other matches in the last-16 are: Hapoel Tel Aviv vs. Hapoel Taibe, Bloomfield at 6 pm; Betar Jerusalem vs. Maccabi Petah Tikva, Teddy Stadium at 6:30 pm.

The rest of the matches will kick off at 4 pm, they are: Bnei Yehuda vs. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Hatikva Quarter; Hapoel Holon vs. Maccabi Herzliya, Holon; Hapoel Ashkelon vs. Hapoel Petah Tikva, Ashkelon; Ironi Ashdod vs. Maccabi Yavne, Ashdod.

The eighth match in the draw (Hapoel Haifa vs. Maccabi Netanya) will be held tomorrow at Kiryat Eliezer at 3 pm.

1994 baseball season starts with a bang

NEW YORK (AP) – Suffice to say, there was plenty of interest in yesterday's baseball openers.

A day after only 32,803 fans saw St. Louis and Cincinnati start the regular season at Riverfront Stadium, sellouts were expected throughout the majors.

More than 80,000 fans were to turn out in Denver, where the Colorado Rockies began their final season at Mile High Stadium with a game against Philadelphia.

As always, there were no tickets left at SkyDome in Toronto, where the two-time World Series champion Blue Jays played Chicago in a meeting of last year's AL playoff teams, and none were left at Camden Yards in Baltimore, where the new-look Orioles played Kansas City, minus George Brett.

President Clinton helped dedicate a new baseball stadium, throwing out the opening pitch in the Cleveland Indians season opening game with the Seattle Mariners.

Clinton, throwing left-handed, made a slow, looping pitch to Indians' starting catcher Sandy Alomar, who easily snagged the president's pitch.

At Yankee Stadium, Joe DiMaggio was to throw out the first ball when New York played the Texas Rangers, without Nolan Ryan and with Will Clark. At Fenway Park, Nancy Kerrigan was to make the ceremonial toss before Roger Clemens and the Boston Red Sox played Detroit.

Eddie Murray set a record for games played as a first baseman when he took the field for the Cleveland Indians' inaugural game at Jacobs Field.

It was Murray's 2,369th game at first, surpassing the mark set by Jake Beckley from 1888-1907. Murray carried the first base bag off the field after the top half of the first inning.

The Los Angeles Dodgers had some anxious moments Sunday when Darryl Strawberry did not show up for an exhibition game and was missing until late that night. General manager Fred Claire did not say why Strawberry left the team, but was not satisfied with the player's explanation.

The game between St. Louis and Cincinnati began baseball's new era of realignment. Those teams are now in the NL Central.

The White Sox won the AL West last season and have moved into the AL Central. They'll take on the Blue Jays, trying to become the first team since the 1972-73-74 Oakland A's to win three straight titles. To reach the postseason, all they'll need is the league's top second-place finish to win the wild card.

Barry Bonds, trying to win an unprecedented third straight MVP award – and fourth overall – was to lead San Francisco against visiting Pittsburgh and Zane Smith, a three-game winner last season.

The Phillies and the three other 1993 division champions all begin the year missing key players. Philadelphia will start without first baseman John Kruk, being treated for testicular cancer; the White Sox are without reliever Scott Radinsky, who has Hodgkin's disease; Toronto is without closer Duane Ward, who has bicep tendinitis; and Atlanta does not have left fielder Ron Gant, who broke his leg during the winter and was released.

Gant and George Bell are among two of the big-name players who begin the 1994 season without a team. Michael Jordan, the big story in spring training, didn't make the White Sox, but will begin his pro career Friday night for Double-A Birmingham.

FIRST PITCH – Cincinnati pitcher Jose Rijo delivers the first pitch of the season. (AP)

Lankford opens with homer, Cardinals beat Reds 6-4

RAY Lankford opened baseball's 125th season with a home run, and Bob Tewksbury pitched six innings and doubled home the go-ahead runs Sunday night as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Reds 6-4 in Cincinnati.

Lankford's was the first season-opening homer since April 6, 1982, when Darrell Porter hit a three-run drive off Nolan Ryan at Houston.

Tewksbury, a career .147 hitter, hit a two-run double in the fourth off loser Jose Rijo that put the Cardinals ahead to stay 5-3.

Tewksbury gave up seven hits and four runs. Vicente Palacios struck out Reggie Sanders to end a bases-loaded threat in the seventh, and Mike Perez pitched the ninth for a save.

Lemieux leads Penguins over Bruins, 6-2

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) – Mario Lemieux scored his 13th and 14th goals and added two assists as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Boston Bruins 6-2 to keep sole possession of first place in the NHL's Northeast Division on Sunday.

The Penguins went 6-0 against Boston this year, their first-ever season sweep of the Bruins. Pittsburgh, which is fighting to keep the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs, has won the last nine meetings of the two teams dating to last season.

Kevin Stevens also scored twice for Pittsburgh, giving him 40 goals for the season. Goaltender Tom Barrasso made 40 saves.

Blues 3, Red Wings 3

Curtis Joseph made 47 saves, helping visiting St. Louis tie the game.

With the point, first-place Detroit moved four points ahead of Toronto in the Central Division. Both teams have five games to play.

The Red Wings outshot St. Louis 39-17 in the last 45 minutes, but couldn't solve Joseph, who has a career mark of 6-2-1 against Detroit.

Kings 6, Oilers 1

Wayne Gretzky had three assists and the Los Angeles Kings capitalized on three second-period goals en route to victory in a neutral-site game.

Gretzky, the NHL's all-time scoring leader and the points leader this season, assisted on goals by Rob Blake and Jari Kurri in the second period and Pat Conacher in the third.

Luc Robitaille added his 40th goal of the season, Mike Donnelly had three assists and Alex Zhitnik had two assists in the second period and a goal in the third for Los Angeles. After allowing Fredrik Olausson's goal about eight minutes into the game, Los Angeles goaltender Robb Stauber made 35 saves.

Blackhawks 2, Flames 1

Ed Belfour, returning from a five-game injury layoff, made 36 saves as host Chicago ended a six-game winless streak.

Belfour outdueled Mike Vernon, who made 30 saves, as the Blackhawks ended a 0-5-1 skid. Belfour, who suffered a strained hip against Detroit in a 2-1 loss on March 22, has a 7-2-1 career mark against the Flames.

Second-period goals by Gary Suter, recently obtained from Calgary, and another newcomer, Paul Ysebaert, helped Chicago win for the first time since March 18.

The Flames, losers to Chicago in all four games this year, are now 0-8-1 against the Blackhawks since October 24, 1991.

Stars 6, Capitals 3

Mike Modano got two goals and newcomer Pelle Eklund and Mike Craig scored 37 seconds apart in a four-goal second period that lifted Dallas past Washington.

The victory gave the Stars 92 points, tying them with Toronto for second-best in the Western Conference.

Sunday's results:
St. Louis 3, Detroit 3
Pittsburgh 6, Boston 2
Dallas 6, Washington 3
Los Angeles 6, Edmonton 1
Chicago 2, Calgary 1

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	Gf	Ga
x-N.Y. Rangers	49	23	7	105	282	217
x-New Jersey	45	23	11	101	290	208
Washington	36	33	10	82	254	244
Florida	32	32	14	78	217	216
Philadelphia	34	38	7	75	280	301
N.Y. Islanders	32	35	11	75	262	249
Tampa Bay	27	40	11	65	208	238

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	Gf	Ga
x-Pittsburgh	41	25	13	95	287	287
x-Montreal	39	26	14	92	270	233
x-Buffalo	41	29	9	91	269	205
x-Boston	39	27	13	91	270	239
Quebec	31	40	7	69	255	272
Hartford	25	46	8	58	212	271
Ottawa	13	56	9	35	186	363

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	Gf	Ga
x-Detroit	44	27	8	96	331	260
x-Toronto	40	27	12	92	255	226
x-Dallas	40	27	12	92	286	244
x-St. Louis	37	31	10	84	248	262
x-Chicago	36	34	9	81	237	224
Winnipeg	23	47	8	54	232	321

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	Gf	Ga
x-Calgary	38	28	13	89	282	244
x-Vancouver	38	37	3	81	269	259
San Jose	31	33	15	77	241	253
Anaheim	31	43	5	67	220	240
Los Angeles	26	41	11	63	279	302
Edmonton	23	44	12	58	248	292

x-clinched playoff berth

England cricketers in control

ST GEORGE'S, Grenada (Reuter) – England was 143-2 at tea on the third day of its four-day match against a West Indies Board XI yesterday.

In Sunday's action, West Indian middle-order batsman Roland Holder pushed his claims for a Test place and cast more misery on England with an unbeaten century.

Holder, who has appeared in five one-day internationals but has yet to make his Test debut, made an unbeaten 108 to lead his side of international hopefuls to 260.

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With both sides having matches to play, Manchester United moved on to 79 points against Blackburn 76. Newcastle, who had held to a 0-0 draw at home to Chelsea, is third on 65 points.

It was a bad day for most of the clubs at the wrong end of the table. Tottenham and Southampton joined Everton and Oldham at the bottom. Everton's big losers, with Tottenham going down 4-1 at home to Wimbledon and Southampton, who are third-bottom-placed Swindon Town, beginning to look doomed, losing at home to fellow-strugglers Manchester City.

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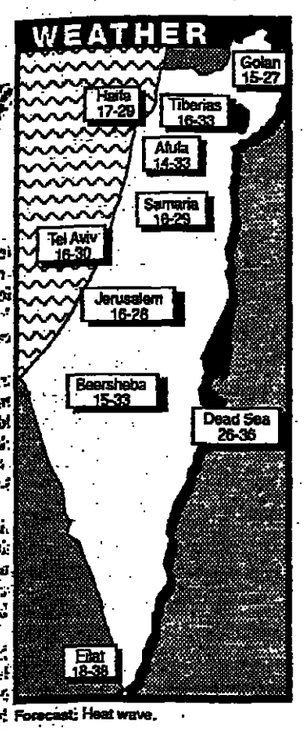
The fans were protesting against the way chairman Richard Thompson has been running the club and staged a sit-in on the halfway line which took more than 15 minutes to clear.

Tottenham, like Everton, is involved in the race for home [illegible] like Everton, the London club is now deeply involved in the fight to avoid the drop.

The club seemed to be [illegible] from danger with wins [illegible] Norwich in the [illegible] but was thrust straight back into the mire by losing 4-1 at home to West Ham, which is now [illegible] clear of its London rivals. [illegible] goals from Trevor Morley [illegible] joined Tottenham [illegible] the deadline day on March 31. [illegible] from Steve Jones and [illegible] Marsh gave West Ham [illegible].

There was another crucial relegation clash at Southampton [illegible] went into the game against Manchester City without a win in [illegible] matches. Ninety minutes later, [illegible] winless streak was extended [illegible] when a German substitute [illegible] Kurt scored City's relegation [illegible] with the only goal of the [illegible] minutes from time.



Forecast: Heat wave.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	01	34	08	46	cloudy
Buenos Aires	19	66	21	70	rain
Cairo	10	50	28	82	clear
Chicago	02	35	10	50	pcloudy
Copenhagen	02	35	10	50	cloudy
Frankfurt	03	37	09	48	cloudy
Geneva	02	36	08	46	rain
Helsinki	02	36	05	41	cloudy
Hong Kong	21	70	26	79	clear
Jo'burg	11	52	24	75	clear
Lisbon	12	54	16	61	cloudy
London	08	46	10	50	rain
Los Angeles	13	55	21	69	pcloudy
Madrid	05	41	23	73	pcloudy
Montreal	01	34	05	41	cloudy
Moscow	-03	27	06	43	cloudy
New York	04	39	16	61	clear
Paris	08	46	11	52	rain

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

TONIGHT at the Cameri Theater it's *The Inspector General*, Ilan Hatzor's good-tempered and pithy take-off on Gogol's classic *Revizor*. Instead of the Russian provinces, the venue is a small Negev town complete with crooked politicians, cheats, charlatans and wannabes.

Yossi Graber as Mayor Peperanu and Ilan Dar as the city treasurer are beautifully smarmy. Keren Mor is hilarious as the anorectic Nofit and Tikki Dayan no less so as her operatic Mum. Bouquets to director Ilan Ronen. On the main stage at 8:30 p.m. Tomorrow at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English.)

PETER Shaffer's amazing *Amadeus* continues its run at the Haifa Theater. Moshe Beker is Antonio Salieri, polished courtier and court composer to Emperor Josef II and deadly rival of the childish, foul-mouthed and too impetuous Mozart (Alon Ofir). Miki Gurevitz directed and Adrian Vaux did the ornate setting. On the main stage at 8:30 p.m (Hebrew)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

IT'S Bach. Bach and more Bach this week as the first-ever Israel Bach Festival continues until Sunday in concert halls across the country. Tonight (8:30) at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv the Collegium Aureum performs Bach's four orchestral suites, a program they will also perform at the Haifa Auditorium on Thursday.

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

CHANNEL 1 and the New Channel 2 are making an effort. This evening's lineup is made up nearly entirely of Israeli shows. Sports fans get a half-hour look at the State Cup soccer championship at 9 p.m. on Channel 1. At 9:30, Carmit Gai walks us through some of the performances in the upcoming Israel Festival. That's followed by a documentary film about life in the Jezreel Valley. *Time Has Passed* in on at 10:15 p.m.

Over on the New Channel 2, the fare is somewhat lighter. At 7:30 there's *Candid Camera* and after the 8 o'clock news, Erez Tal hosts the game show *Wheel of Fortune*. At 9 there's Dan Margalit's talk show. And mixed light entertainment follows with Margalit Tsanani on *Margol* at 10:10.

The country's first Bach Festival continues this week.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE – A rich, indulgent spectacle, director Chen Kaige's epic is both remarkable and, to some degree, impenetrable for the Western viewer – much like the Chinese opera that it so lavishly depicts.

Occidental eyes and ears, at least, are not naturally accustomed to this particular blend of psychological abbreviation and grand, symbolic gesturing. Against the backdrop of the last 50 years of turbulent Chinese history, the movie charts the lives of two Peking Opera singers and the flamboyantly theatrical ties that bind them. (Mandarin dialogue, English and Hebrew subtitles. Some prints in circulation do not have English subtitles. Check with theaters for further details. Not recommended for children.)

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE ☎ 724131 **Padre Padrone** 7 ★ **Fearless** 9:15 ★ **Daddy, Come to the Luna Park** 9:30 G.G. GIL **Jerusalem Mall (Malha)** ☎ 788448 **Jurassic Park** □ **Demolition Man** 1:30 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ **Pelican Brief** 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ **Wayne's World 2** 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:30 ★ **Schindler's List** 1:30, 7, 8:30, 9 ★ **Addams Family Values** 1:30, 4:30, 7 ★ **Carlito's Way** 9:30 ★ **On Deadly Ground** 7:15, 9:30 ★ **The Secret Garden** 1:30, 4:30 JERUSALEM THEATER ☎ 617167 20 Marcus St. **Belle Epoque** 7, 9:30 ★ **Farewell to My Concubine** 6, 9 ORION OR 1-6 ☎ 252914 4 Sharrai St. **The Piano** □ **Perfect World** □ **Joy Luck Club** □ **Naked** 7, 9:15 ★ **Bleu** □ **Benny and Joon** □ **Demolition Man** □ **Fortress** 7:15, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 **Credit Card Reservations** ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot **Look Who's Talking Now** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Sister Act 2** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Remains of the Day** □ **The House of the Spirits** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 ★ **Surf Ninjas** 5 ★ **Blind Side** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. **Philadelphia** □ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 5, 7:15, 9:30 TORAH OUTREACH PROGRAM ☎ 288968 **Follow Me - The Six Day War** 9, 11, 1, 3, 5

TEL AVIV
RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center **Sister Act 2** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The House of the Spirits** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Look Who's Talking Now** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Blind Side** 11, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 11, 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 CINEMATHEQUE 1–2 ☎ 6917181 2 Sprinzak St. **Kornblumenblau** 9 ★ **Daddy, Come to the Luna Park** 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 DEKEL ☎ 5443200 94 Yehuda Hamaccabi St. **Philadelphia** 7:30, 9:45 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff Center **Belle Epoque** 11, 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Piano** 11, 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Man Without a Face** 11, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Bleu** 1 DRIVE-IN ☎ 6423080 **Robin Hood - Men in Tights** 10 GAN HA'IR ☎ 5279228 71 Ibn Gabirol St. **In the Line of Fire** 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Giulietta degli Spiriti** 5, 7:30 ★ **Double Exposure** 2:30, 10 GAT ☎ 6967888 26 Ibn Gabirol St. **Remains of the Day** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON **Europa, Europa** 6 ★ **Wedding Banquet** 8 ★ **Citizen Kane** 10 HAKOLNOA ZOA HOUSE ☎ 6959341 26 Ibn Gabirol St. **Tales of a Golden Geisha** 5, 7:30, 9:45 G.G. HOD 1–4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. **Pelican Brief** 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Wayne's World 2** □ **The Addams Family Values** □ **Benny and Joon** 1:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 **Farewell to My Concubine** 11, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30 ★ **Naked** 12, 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **One False Move** 5:15, 7:30, 10 ★ **Antonia and Jane** 11:30, 1, 3 ★ **The Secret Garden** 11:15, 1:15, 5:15, 7:15 ★ **Un Coeur en Hiver** 3:15, 9:45 NEW MAXIM ☎ 5287457 48 King George St. **Fortress** 5, 7:30, 9:45 RAV-OR 1-5* ☎ 5102674 Opera House **Joy Luck Club** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 ★ **Tina, What's Love Got To Do With It** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Age of Innocence** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 5, 7:15, 9:45 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271645 Kikar Namir **Schindler's List** 8:45★ **The Fugitive** 5, 7:30, 9:45 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St., **In the Name of the Father** □ **Carlito's Way** □ **Perfect World** 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. **On Deadly Ground** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:45, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard **The Unbelievable Truth** 7:45, 10

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HAIFA
ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 673003 **On Deadly Ground** 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **The Piano** 4:30, 6:45, 9:15 ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ **Wayne's World 2** 4:30, 7, 9:15 CINEMA CAFE AMAMI ☎ 325755 **Perfect World** 9:15 ★ **Antonia and Jane** 7:15 ★ **Bleu** 7, 9:15 CINEMA CAFE MORIAH ☎ 242477 **Farewell to My Concubine** 7, 9:30 CINEMATHEQUE ☎ 388246/383424 **Dead Poets Society** , 7 ★ **Capitaine Fracassa** , 9:30 ORLY ☎ ☎ 381868 **Philadelphia** 6:45, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 **In the Name of the Father** 4:30, 7 ★ **The Addams Family** 4:30, 7 ★ **Carlito's Way** 9:30 ★ **Belle Epoque** 7, 9:15 ★ **The Secret Garden** 7, 9:15 RAV GAT ☎ 674311 **Sister Act 2** □ **Look Who's Talking Now** 4:45, 7, 9:15 RAV OR ☎ 246553 **Remains of the Day** 6:45, 9:15 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 ★ **House of the Spirits** 9:20 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 4:30, 7 ★ **Aristocrats** 5 RAV MOR ☎ 416897 **Look Who's Talking Now** 5, 7, 9:20 ★ **Blind Side** 4:45, 7, 9:20 ★ **Remains of the Day** 6:50, 9:25 ★ **Sister Act 2** 4:45, 7, 9:20 ★ **Philadelphia** 4:30, 6:55, 9:25 ★ **Joy Luck Club** 6:50, 9:20 ★ **House of the Spirits** 9:20 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 4:15, 6:45

ASHDOD
RON 1-2 ☎ 566077 **Wayne's World 2** □ **The Addams Family Values** 7:30, 9:30 G.G. GIL **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **On Deadly Ground** □ **Sister Act 2** 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ **Age of Innocence** 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:45, 7:15, 10

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RAV CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 **Sister Act 2** □ **Look Who's Talking Now** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **On Deadly Ground** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The House of the Spirits** 9:45 ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 11, 1:30, 5, 7:15; **BAT YAM** RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 **Sister Act** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **On Deadly Ground** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Pelican Brief** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Schindler's List** 5:30, 9 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 ★ **Joy Luck Club** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The House of the Spirits** 9:45 ★ **Blind Side** 9:45 ★ **Surf Ninjas** 5 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 5, 7:15 ★ **Look Who's Talking Now** 5, 7:30

BEERSHEBA
G.G. ESHEL ☎ 274073 **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30

DIMONA
HECHAL HATARBUT ☎ 569450 **The House of the Spirits** 8:30

HADERA
LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 **Schindler's List** 6, 9:15 ★ **Sister Act 2** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Pelican Brief** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Addams Family Values** □ **Aristocats** □ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 4:30 ★ **Farewell to My Concubine** 7, 9:30

HERZLIYA
ACCADIA CINEMA CLUB ☎ 557799 **Farewell To My Concubine** *(English subtitles)* 7, 9:45 DANIEL HOTEL ☎ 644044 **THE AUDITORIUM Belle Epoque** 7:15, 9:30 COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 ★ **Joy Luck Club** 7, 10 STAR ☎ 589068 **On Deadly Ground** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Wayne's World 2** 9:45 ★ **Sister Act 2** 7:15 ★ **Pelican Brief** 7:15, 9:45

KARMIEL
CINEMA ☎ 882521 **Wayne's World 2** □ **Sister Act 2** 7, 9:30 ★ **Remains of the Day** 6:50, 9:30

KFAR SAVA
AMAL **Hocus Pocus** 7:15, 9:30 G.G. GIL **On Deadly Ground** □ **Sister Act 2** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 7:15, 10 ★ **The Secret Garden** 11, 1:30, 5 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 5, 7:30; ★ **Wayne's World 2** 10 ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ **Remains of the Day** 4:45, 7:15, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 **In the Name of the Father** 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 4:45, 7 ★ **On Deadly Ground** □ **Wayne's World** 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **The Secret Garden** □ **Look Who's Talking Now** 4:45 ★ **Pelican Brief** □ **Fortress** 7, 9:30 ★ **Schindler's List** 4:45, 9:15 ★ **Age of Innocence** 7, 9:30 ★ **Jurassic Park** □ **The Addams Family Values** 4:45

KIRYAT MALACHI
HECHAL HATARBUT **Quick** 7:15, 9:30 HAKIRYA 12 Jabotinsky St. **The Man Without a Face** 7:30, 9:30 ★ **Honey, I Shrunk the Kids** 5

MIGDAL HAEMEK
RAV CHEN ☎ 546179 **Sister Act 2** □ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 11, 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **Blind Side** 9:20 ★ **Look Who's Talking Now** 11, 5, 7

NAHARIYA
HOD ☎ 04-921666 **Mrs. Doubtfire** 7, 9:30

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 **On Deadly Ground** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Look Who's Talking Now** 5, 7:30 ★ **Wayne's World 2** 10 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:30, 7:15, 10

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Pelican Brief** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **On Deadly Ground** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **The Secret Garden** 5 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 618570 **Sister Act 2** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Look Who's Talking Now** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Philadelphia** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Blind Side** 9:45 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 ★ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 5, 7:15 RISHON ☎ 9653230 **Wayne's World 2** 7:30, 9:45 G.G. RON 1-3 ☎ 9652175 **Age of Innocence** □ **Tina, What's Love Got To Do With It** 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ **The Piano** 5, 7:15, 9:30 HAZAHAV **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **Aristocats** 5 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 7:15, 10 ★ **The Secret Garden** 5 STAR **Mrs. Doubtfire** 7:30, 10 ★ **Fortress** 10 ★ **Tales of a Golden Geisha** 7:30 ★ **Remains of the Day** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Look Who's Talking Now** 7:30, 10

RISHON NEW IND. AREA
GAL 1-5 ☎ 9619669 **On Deadly Land** □ **Sister Act 2** 5, 7:30, 10; ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Belle Epoque** 5, 7:30, 10

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL ☎ 561332 **Fortress** □ **Age of Innocence** □ **On Deadly Land** 5, 7:15, 9:45; ★ **Look Who's Talking Now** 5, 7:15; ★ **The Piano** 9:45 ★ **Sister Act 2** □ **Wayne's World 2** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:45, 7:15, 10

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6.30 News in Arabic **8.45** Cartoons **7.00** Good Morning Israel

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ARABIC PROGRAMS
18.30 Apropos **19.00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19.30 The Cosby Show **20.00** Mabat **20.55** Live broadcast of Lotto results **21.00** Sports special: look at the State Cup soccer championship **21.30** Preview to Israel Festival – with Carmit Guy **22.15** Time Has Passed – Israeli film by Uri Goldstein looking at people in the Jezreel Valley in the winter of 1994 **23.00** Late-night news **23.10** De Nuremberg A Nuremberg – part 2 of documentary film about the Third Reich (92 mins)

■ THE NEW CHANNEL 2

14.00 Spending – Consumerism Magazine for Youth **14.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **15.00** Children of the Rainbow **15.25** Little Shop of Horrors **15.50** Mike and Angelo **16.10** X-Men – animated science-fiction series **16.35** Eerie, Indiana **17.00** News **17.05** This Is It (repeat) **18.00** Alf (comedy) **18.30** Paradise Beach **19.00** Rock Shock – rock trivia game show **19.30** Candid camera show **20.00** News **20.30** Wheel of Fortune – Hebrew version **21.00** With Dan Margalit **22.10** Margol – entertainment **23.00** Document – Yaron London hosts investigative program **23.30** News **23.35** Documenta – continued **00.00** Gillette Sports Special

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

18.00 French programs **19.00** News in French **19.15** World of Animals (in French) **19.30** News in Hebrew **19.45** Tales that Money Tells **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** The Respected Family **21.10** Wild Jack **22.00** News in English **22.20** The Cape Rebel **23.10** Executive Stress (comedy)

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

13.00 – 14.00 Special Programs **14.00** 700 Club **14.55** Film: Bittersweet – Dancer weds violinist and they work together in a cafe until he is killed by a gambler. Starring Anna Neagle, Fernand Cravey **16.30** Mighty Mouse **17.20** Dangermouse **17.45** Superbook **18.10** Musical Artist Documentary **19.10** Rescue 911 **20.00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **20.30** CNN Headline News **21.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **21.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation **22.20** Moon Over Miami **23.10** 700 Club **00.00** Film: Bittersweet – repeat

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■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8.00 Local broadcast **8.30** Home Sweet Home **9.00** Attitudes **9.45** The Young and the Restless **10.30** Guests in the Living Room **11.00** Major Dad **11.30** Antonella **12.20** Pasquale's Kitchen **12.45** Knots Landing **13.35** Perfect Strangers **14.05** Quantum Leap **15.00** Trapper John **15.50** Murder She Wrote **16.40** The Jackie Thomas Show **17.05** New WKRP in Cincinnati **17.35** Sisters **18.20** Neighbors **18.45** The Young and the Restless **19.30** Local broadcast **20.00** Antonella **20.50** Knots Landing **21.40** Married with Children **22.05** Class of 96 **22.55** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill **23.45** Designing Women **00.10** Quantum Leap **1.00** Hunter

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10.30 The Bride Came C.O.D. (1941) (rpt) **12.05** The Plot to Kill Hitler (1990) (rpt) **13.35** Evil Under the Sun (1982) (rpt) **15.30** Curly Sue (rpt) **17.15** Mr. Saturday Night (1992) (rpt) **19.15** Moonwalker (1988) (rpt) **21.00** Out For Justice (1991) – Steven Segal as a cop, returns to his old neighborhood to revenge the murder of his partner. The murderer is a childhood friend. (87 min) **22.30** Weekend War (1988) – A troop of bored reserve soldiers from California are sent to sunny Honduras for two weeks. Their simple mission of building a small airport in the jungle turns into a war. (90 mins) **00.05** Staying Together (1989) **1.30** Dead Bang (1989) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6.30 Cartoons **10.00** Ninja Turtles 2 **10.30** Three Little Ghosts **11.00** Thundercats **11.30** Family Ties **12.00** Little House on the Prairie **13.00** Kids Around The World
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■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

20.35 I Love Lucy **21.00** Cohen and Kelly **21.30** Boccaccio (1962) – Italy's top four directors Fellini, Visconti, De Sica and Monicelli take Boccaccio's Decameron stories as a starting point for an exploration of contemporary sex. (195 mins) **00.50** The Tracey Ullman Show **1.15** Ship Of Fools (rpt)

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6.00 Open University: History **11.00** Equinox **12.00** Tears of the Dragon **13.00** Realm of Darkness **14.00** Open University (repeat of morning's programs) **16.00** Equinox **17.00** Tears of the Dragon **18.00** Open University (repeat of morning's programs) **20.00** The Monk and the Honeybee **20.30** The Secret Life of the Machine **21.00** Felipe Benevidase **22.00** The First Tuesday – The Man Who Shot John Lennon **23.00** The Beer Hunter **23.30** Special Forces **00.00** Open University (repeat of morning's programs)

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6.30 NBC News **7.00** Supershop **7.30** NBC News **8.00** ITN World News Live **8.15** US Market Wrap **8.30** CNBC Business Report **9.00** ITN World News **9.15** Market Wrap **9.30** NBC News **10.00** Super Shop **13.00** Today's Business **14.00** Today **14.30** FT Business Today **15.00** Today **15.30** The Money Wheel **18.30** Business Tonight **19.00** Today **20.00** ITN World News Live **20.30** On the Air **21.00** Documentary Showcase **22.00** Ushuaia **23.00** ITN World News Live **23.30** FT Business Tonight **23.50** Market Wrap **00.00** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **1.00** Real Personal **1.30** NBC Network **2.00** Equal Time **2.30** The Golden Age of Rock 'n' Roll

■ STAR PLUS

7.30 Neighbors **8.00** Santa Barbara **9.00** The Bold and The Beautiful **9.30** Donahue **10.30** Oprah Winfrey **11.30** Yan Can Cook **12.00** Little Flying Bears **12.30** The Magic Box **13.00** Force Five **13.30** Crossbow **14.00** For Your Entertainment **14.30** Neighbors **15.00** M*A*S*H **15.30** Flying Doctors **16.30** Dynasty **17.30** The Bold and The Beautiful **18.00** Santa Barbara **19.00** The Wonder Years **19.30** Doogie Howser MD **20.00** Coverup **21.00** M*A*S*H **21.30** El Features **22.00** Neighbors **22.30** The Wonder Years **23.00** Doogie Howser MD **23.30** Coverup **00.30** Donahue **01.30** El For Your Entertainment

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■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6.06 Waking to Music **9.00** Schubert: Piano sonata in C minor D958 (Pollini); Haydn: String quartet op 20/3 (Solomon Qt. period instruments); excerpts from works by Purcell; Couperin: Harpsichord suite in F (Van Asperen); Mozart: Exsultate Jubilate (Kirkby/Acad of Ancient Music/Hogwood) ±**11.00** Charpentier: Judgment Day motet; Haydn: Symphony no 2 (Cantilena/Shepherd); Mozart: String quintet in B flat K174 (Les Adieux); Debussy: Ballet poem (London SO/Tilson Thomas) ±**12.00** Schubert: Die schöne Müllerin song cycle (Fischer-Dieskau, Moore); F. Martin: Concerto for 2 wind instruments, drums, percussion and string orch (Suisse Romande/Jordan) **14.06** Encore **16.00** Monteverdi: Ave Maris Stella; Bach: Art of the Fugue arr and played by Roman Waldman; Mendelssohn: Songs **18.00** From the Recording Studio – Orit Wolf (piano). Bach: Partita no 2 in C minor; Beethoven: Sonata no 27 in E minor op 90; Schumann: ABEGG Variations op 1; Orit Wolf: Associations; Chopin: Etude in E and Fantasy Impromptu in C sharp minor **19.05** Mozart: Variations in C on Ah, vous dirai-je, maman; Schubert: Sonatina in A minor for violin and piano D385 (Weidman, Krasovsky); John Ireland: Fantasy-Trio in A minor for violin, cello and piano (Ne'eman, Lloyd Webber, Parkin) **20.03** Palestrina mirrored in his time **21.00** A Matter of Agreement **23.00** Golden Generation – Artur Schnabel plays Beethoven: Sonata no 3 in C op 2; Sonata no 22 in F op 54; Sonata no 31 in A flat op 110

■ RADIO 1

6.16 Mishna, Gemara and Tora **7.00** News in English **7.15** News in French **7.30** Hebrew songs **8.05** Dial **9.05** It's Open **10.05** Teleradio **11.05** Finger on the Pulse **12.05** Land of Israel **13.00** News and program in English **13.30** News and program in French **14.05** Youth programs

Rabin to testify behind closed doors at Shamgar Commission tomorrow

Kiryat Arba security officer: Driver who took Goldstein to cave disobeyed orders

BATSHEVA TSUR and Itim

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin is due to appear before the Shamgar Commission investigating the Hebron massacre tomorrow. Rabin is expected to testify in camera, at his request.

The prime minister had opposed the setting up of the commission, but bowed to a cabinet majority that pressed for its establishment.

The commission is not expected to hold further public hearings for the time being. After its deliberations, the commission has the right to call persons to testify on points that need clarification. Those called are permitted to bring legal counsel with them.

It is unclear whether the commission will subpoena Miriam Goldstein, widow of Baruch Goldstein who perpetrated the massacre. She earlier refused to testify.

At yesterday morning's session, Kiryat Arba's chief security officer, Haim Sherf, told the commission that the driver of the jeep that had carried Goldstein to the Machpela Cave had disobeyed orders. The jeep is permitted to leave Kiryat Arba only if this is warranted for security purposes, he testified.

Baruch Segal, a police ballistics expert, told the commission he had collected all the objects left behind in the cave, after they had been filmed. Another expert, Leor Nedivi, said ballistic tests confirmed that 109 cartridges had come from Goldstein's Glilon rifle and five from the guns of two of the soldiers stationed there. One cartridge was unidentified, he said.

The ballistics experts said there was no indication of shrapnel from a hand grenade or bomb. Egyptian doctors who had visited the wounded in the hospital said they suspected shrapnel wounds.

Appearing before the commission at its afternoon session, the director of Jerusalem's Mokassed Hospital said that the wounded were not brought to the hospital in orderly fashion after the massacre, blaming the army for preventing ambulances from getting through.

"This was either done purposely or because there is a lack of order," Dr. Amin Talaji said, adding that medical personnel are constantly held up at IDF checkpoints and prevented from getting to work although they have permits.

"The occupation is responsible for the fact that there are no proper first aid facilities in the Hebron area," Talaji said, explaining why wounded were brought all the way to Jerusalem instead of receiving treatment on the spot. He confirmed that four persons had bled to death on the way to Jerusalem.

Citing statistics, Talaji said that "there are 0.5 hospital beds per 1,000 persons in Hebron, compared with 4.2 in Jordan and 6 in Israel." He did not cite the source of the statistics.

Dr. Mahmud Abu Ramile, director of the private Al-Ha'alie Hospital in Hebron, said there had been "two waves" of dead and wounded on February 25. He said that 20 dead and 70 injured had arrived at the hospital by 8 a.m. "But then there was a second wave," he said.

"Soldiers on the rooftops with telescopes picked out people in the courtyard and started shooting at them. They aimed at the heads and necks of stonethrowers even though they couldn't be harmed by the stones. One man who donated blood was brought back 15 minutes later, dead." He said there was a total of four dead. "They stood on the rooftops choosing targets."

Justice Goldberg: For fun?

Abu Ramile: Yes.

Justice Meir Shamgar: How many people were in the courtyard?

Abu Ramile: More than 1,000. They came to donate blood, look for relatives, and give help in general.

Shamgar: In such a crowd, we could have expected 100 dead then ... The soldiers testified that they were on the ground, trying to clear the way for rescue vehicles. They said they were attacked with blocks and burning tires and were in a life-threatening situation.

Asked about turning down Israeli offers of help, Abu Ramile said that "they had not come at the right time."

"How can you let political considerations override humanitarian ones?" Goldberg asked.

Melanie Clore of Sotheby's London poses with Reuven Rubin's painting 'Vase and Mountains on the Horizon,' auctioned last night by Sotheby's in Tel Aviv for a record price (for a Rubin) of $200,000. The painting was expected to sell for between $100,000-150,000. (Israel News and Media)

Police probe Beersheba mayor's alleged fraud

AMIR ROZENBLIT

THREE Beersheba city treasurers have been questioned by the police fraud squad recently regarding alleged financial improprieties by Beersheba Mayor Yitzhak Rager.

The investigation is focusing on suspicions Rager simultaneously presented bills on many occasions for personal expenses to the municipality, the Beersheba Development Fund, and the Beersheba Fund, and occasionally did the same with receipts for expenses for purchases and services abroad. Police raided the offices of the municipality and the two funds, seizing hundreds of documents.

The fraud squad was apparently tipped off by municipality workers. In recent years, it has looked into a wide range of incidents connected to the municipality, including the transfer of funds to various groups. Reports have been received about alleged irregularities in the Beersheba Fund, and complaints that certain tenders have been awarded without following regulations.

Recently it was discovered that NIS 100,000 have been transferred to a group called "Jewish Arts and Communications," located in Bnei Brak, at Rager's specific request to then-city treasurer Meir Balvan, with the transfer signed by then-deputy treasurer and current treasurer Arye Untzig. The transfer was made without the city council's approval.

The fact that both Balvan and Aviv Cohen, another former city treasurer, were questioned would seem to indicate that the police have documents relating to the period the two were in office, from 1989-1993.

Rager refused to discuss the investigation at a press conference at the Neot Midbar Hotel yesterday, where municipality officials offered details of the financial rehabilitation program the city promised the Finance and Interior ministries to implement. "I plan to call a press conference when the police investigation is completed to discuss the findings. Until then, I prefer not to discuss the matter," he said.

Meshulam ignores summons to appear for questioning by police

RAINE MARCUS

UZI Meshulam has refused to appear for questioning by police, after investigators presented him with a summons on Sunday.

The summons was part of an attempt by police to peacefully end the affair that began with last week's siege of the Yehud house where the self-styled "rabbi" Meshulam remains ensconced with his armed followers, and to avoid a raid on the house. Meshulum claims the title of rabbi, but has no formal ordination.

Scores of followers are still at the house. "Doormen" note every visitor and refuse entry to reporters or strangers. The front door, fence, and roof have been covered with canvas to block prying eyes and photographers.

Since the siege, Meshulam and his followers have built a succa in the garden and piled bricks on the roof.

A police presence is not visible, but Meshulam's supporters are convinced that their every move is being photographed.

"Go on, take photos," shouted one bearded follower, waving his fist in the air.

Meshulam also has cameras and loudspeakers on his roof.

Anyone wanting to enter the house has to leave his identity card at the door and get permission from the rabbi.

"I came from Emmanuel to show solidarity," said Shmuel Ben-Shimon. "But after checking my identity card, he sent a message saying I couldn't enter."

One man close to the group said that Meshulam's brother had been approached by someone who threatened if the rabbi "doesn't back off, we will have him institutionalized in a mental hospital."

Neighbors said they hope police will put an end to Meshulam's escapades soon.

"Before the siege, Yehud was a quiet area – no criminals, no drugs. This lunatic is starting a reign of terror here," said one store owner. "They sing and shout through their loudspeakers, and when residents complain to the police, they are told that nothing can be done."

But police are confident that Meshulam and his followers will be arrested shortly.

Hebrew U students end strike, TAU action continues

HAIM SHAPIRO and Itim

THE strike by students at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem ended yesterday evening, after the student association reached an agreement with university officials regarding academic credit for fall semester courses in the Social Science Faculty.

The strike at Tel Aviv University, however, seemed likely to continue today. Late last night, TAU student representatives were meeting with university president Prof. Yoram Dinstein, but no agreements had been reached.

Under the agreement at Hebrew University, students will be given a "pass" grade and full academic credit for courses taken, with the exception of six introductory courses, in which students will have to be tested. Students who wish to take final exams in the courses may do so, and still retain the "pass" designation if unsatisfied with their grade.

In general, undergraduate grades will suffice for students wishing to go on for an MA degree, but should the faculty determine that a particular student should be retested in a particular course, only a minimal passing grade will be required.

Student Association chairman Ron Samurai said there was no real difference between yesterday's agreement and the one reached with the students earlier, except "university officials forced the dean of the Social Science Faculty to accept all the clauses."

Earlier, hundreds of students gathered near the administration wing of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem yesterday but appeared to have decided not to take example from Sunday's rioting and vandalism at Tel Aviv University.

"We stopped the lectures and got the students out of the classrooms. Everyone who studies is concerned about going on for a further degree," said Michal Ben-Ezra, referring to the Social Sciences Faculty's earlier decision to have students wanting to pursue graduate degrees be tested in courses interrupted by the prolonged faculty strike.

Meanwhile, police said they plan to charge Tel Aviv University Student Association president Shlomo Boaz and several other students with disturbing the peace, threatening and attacking policemen, and disrupting traffic, during Sunday's riots at TAU.

Boaz and four other students who were held for questioning were released from custody late Sunday night, after police had earlier released 34 other students.

During the riots students caused serious damage to the administration building, to the university's telephone system, and to equipment in the Sackler Medical School.

There was no repeat of Sunday's violence on the TAU campus yesterday, where 150 policemen were on alert. Students instead celebrated their second day of boycotting classes with singing and dancing near the university entrance.

A spokesman for the students association said the students' strategy had changed, and that they were now preparing for a long but quiet strike.

Sheves: Ministries not helping to lower housing prices

MICHAL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister's Office Director-General Shimon Sheves yesterday charged the Housing and Finance ministries with not cooperating with government efforts to lower housing prices, due to what he called "wars of Gog and Magog, irrelevant to the issues at hand."

Sheves had to cancel a meeting yesterday of the interministerial team formulating a plan to lower housing prices, when the representatives of both ministries failed to show up. The meeting was rescheduled for next week.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer had declared more than a year ago that his main goal is to reduce housing prices, but prices have continued to soar.

Ten days ago, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin appointed Sheves head of an interministerial team charged with formulating a plan to lower housing prices.

Sheves yesterday charged the Finance Ministry with "refusing to cooperate and to provide answers for the citizens of the state, who deserve solutions to their plight." Sheves also noted that Housing Ministry Director-General Arye Mizrahi failed to come to yesterday's meeting, but sent his assistant, Eitan Cabel.

Sheves said Rabin has been working for months with other ministers on finding ways to "stop the hikes in housing prices, to encourage building and open up bureaucratic bottlenecks and remove obstacles to promote projects in each ministry.

"There were considerable obstacles preventing the economy from developing properly, relating to regional committees for planning and construction and the coordination among the ministries," he said. "However, there are ministries that do not cooperate [with the team] and are not doing what they should be doing."

Neither Ben-Eliezer nor Shohat would relate to Sheves's accusations or explain why their representatives did not come to the meeting he had called. Labor sources hinted at tension between Sheves and Shohat over authority in economic matters.

Sources close to Ben-Eliezer said he has been working for more than a year on a plan to reduce housing costs and recently published such a plan with Shohat. The two discuss the issue every day, one source said, "and it is therefore not clear what Sheves means. If he has any problem with Ben-Eliezer, he should take it up with him. After all, they meet at cabinet sessions."

Labor, Yi'ud to form joint Histadrut list

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR and Yi'ud yesterday decided to run on a joint list in the May 10 Histadrut elections.

Senior Histadrut sources denied the decision had anything to do with reports that Labor MK Haim Ramon is considering heading an independent list, and that he stands to gain more than 50 percent of the vote if he runs.

Teams appointed by each side are to formulate the agreement, reached by Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld for Labor and Yi'ud leader Gonen Segev, which is to be signed next Sunday, after being approved by Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli. Zvilli is currently in the US.

Segev said the fact that Yi'ud is a right-wing party should be no hindrance, since the Histadrut deals with socio-economic issues, not security and foreign affairs.

Segev said he would like to see a reform in the Histadrut, "and when I raised the issue with Haberfeld, he agreed with me that change is needed. A small party has to give up some of its principles to influence and make a difference on other issues."

The Histadrut leadership was taken aback at the beginning of the week by reports that Ramon is considering heading his own list. According to persistent rumors, Ramon would be supported by MK Amir Peretz and perhaps some other MKs, including Shmuel Avital. Both Ramon and Peretz refused to either deny or confirm this.

A press briefing with Haberfeld concerning Labor's Histadrut campaign elections was delayed until Ramon announces his intentions, reportedly due at a supporters' meeting tomorrow, so that Haberfeld could comment on this development as well.

Senior Labor sources in the Histadrut said that if Ramon heads an independent list, he would be reading himself out of the party. However, Avital said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would not necessarily expel Ramon and those who joined him, and that the issue would have to be decided by Labor's institutions.

The Likud's Histadrut campaign staff scoffed at Haberfeld's agreement with Segev, calling it "an unsuccessful, unnatural imitation of the real partnership – that of the Likud and Tsomet. Haberfeld's readiness to adopt a political refugee who commands no public support indicates an air of panic."

Treasury allocates NIS 40m. for war on poverty

SASHA SADAN

THE government yesterday approved the Treasury's allocation of NIS 40 million to the anti-poverty program proposed by Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Ora Namir. The program, originally proposed last November, aims to raise 46,000 families above the poverty line.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat agreed to supply NIS 80m. of the NIS 335m. program, with the rest coming via the National Insurance Institute.

While Namir had hoped for an even larger program, Shohat's ministry opposed taxing the child allowances of upper-income families, saying it would lead to tax abuses.

The Treasury allocation will come from a 0.5 percent budget cut for government ministries, Shohat's office said. His spokesman said this would not affect the salaries of civil servants.

Namir has said her anti-poverty program will take a year to put fully into effect. Her office said the allocation was the sum it expected.

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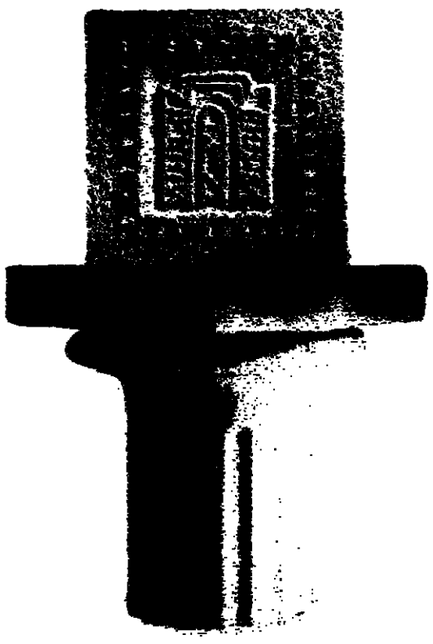

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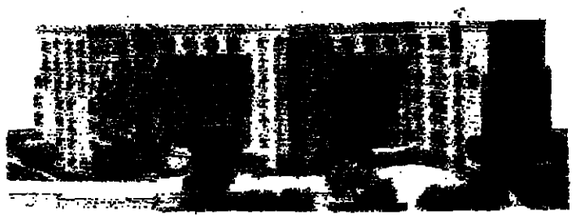

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